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LULL IN NAZI DRIVE: COURAGEOUS FIGHTING BY BRITISH SOLDIERS

(By "Reuter" With British Forces in Greece)

April 23.—A full-scale attack by the German hordes against the British Army in Greece in its new positions is expected to be launched at any moment.

The spirit among the British forces is superb and they continue to show great courage in harassing advanced German elements.

A British padre, who has just visited the wounded who are being evacuated from the frontal regions, said: "The men are all in good spirits although they fully realise that they are up against it."

While the British solidly face the full strength of the German army, awaiting the attack, they are being dive-bombed and machine-gunned from sunrise to sunset by the German air force.

ITALIAN TERMS OF SURRENDER

Greeks To Become Prisoners

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The agreement on the capitulation of the Greek forces in the Epirus and Macedonia, issued to-night by the Italian High Command, reads:

(1) The High Command of the Italian forces and armies in Albania and the High Command of the German troops in Greece accept the unconditional surrender of the Greek forces.

(2) Troops belonging to the Greek Army of the Epirus and Macedonia are prisoners of war. In view of the valour displayed by the Greek troops on the battlefield and the fact that they safeguarded their military honour, Greek Officers shall keep their swords and equipment.

Return of Prisoners

All Italian prisoners of war in the territory of the Greek Army of the Epirus and Macedonia must immediately return to the Italian troops. Greek prisoners will meanwhile be assembled in concentration camps. After the conclusion of military operations in continental Greece and the Ionian Islands, the question will be considered of releasing all officers and men.

(3) The Greek High Command shall arrange for Greek detachments to remain under their officers and shall take early measures to carry out their capitulation. Supplies and services for Greek prisoners shall for the start be maintained by the Greek High Command.

Spoils of War

(4) The arms and all war material and reserves of the Armies of the Epirus and Macedonia, including aviation material, shall constitute spoils of war.

(5) The High Command of the Greek troops shall employ all means immediately to bring hostilities to an end and prevent all damage and destruction of war material and supplies and see that the roads in its territory are repaired without delay.

Signed Near Salonika

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The armistice between Axis troops and Greek forces, which surrendered, came into force at 6 o'clock this afternoon, states the Greek news agency. The armistice was signed near Salonika.

It is estimated that between 10 and 12 Greek divisions have surrendered in the Epirus and Macedonia.

Two British soldiers escaped after being taken prisoner. On crossing the British lines, they spoke of the amazing audacity of the German troops. German tanks, they state, are not camouflaged but are painted black with a red Swastika.

Transport is not conveyed and masses of material, guns and tanks, all jumbled together, are poured along the lines of communications, making good bombing targets.

Lull Only Temporary

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—It is reliably stated that a temporary easing of German pressure in Greece has enabled the British to consolidate their new position, but the respite is not expected to last.

Remaining Greeks Firm

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The main Greek army on the British left flank is holding firm, it is stated here. It is pointed out that the Germans must now be experiencing difficulties in their communications since their lines of supply across great distances are limited and considerable damage has been done to them by both sides. This probably accounts to some extent for the slight relaxation in the German—tempestuous—push, which has enabled the British forces to carry out a successful withdrawal to a new line.

The easing off may also have been due, it is stated, to the heavy losses suffered by the Germans. One German division brought back to Rumania in the middle of April has lost 65 per cent. of its personnel and material, according to the reports of refugees.

Berlin Story

BERLIN, Apr. 23 (UP).—The defeat of the British rearguard at Thermopylae, according to informed German circles, was inflicted by mixed panzer and motorised infantry units which had smashed through the Olympus defences on the extreme German left flank, driven across the plain of Thessaly and reached Lamia yesterday.

The High Command said that the unconditional surrender of the Greek Epirus and Macedonia armies was concluded at Salonika. Local capitulations of sections of these Greek armies has been going on since April 20. All the Greek northern armies

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MATSUOKA NOT ASKED TO LONDON

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, did not receive an invitation from the British Government to visit the United Kingdom during his visit to Europe, declared Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr Eden added that the House had no doubt seen Mr Matsuoka's statement to the press about the purpose of his visit to Europe.

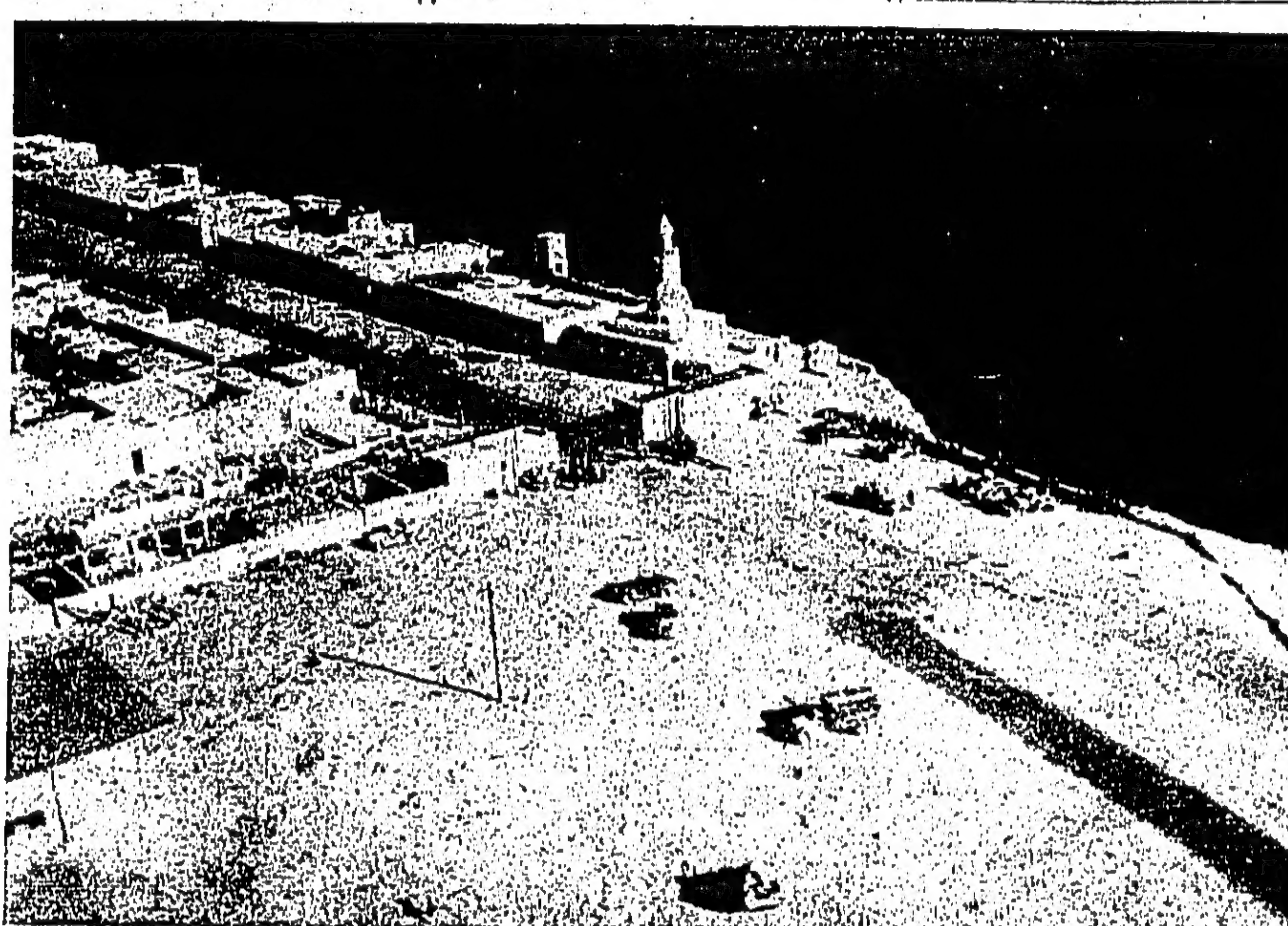
Ambassador's Job

Commander Bower: Is Mr Eden satisfied that Mr Matsuoka is obtaining enough and not too much information about our war effort through the medium of the Japanese Ambassador?

Mr Eden: I cannot answer for the exercise of the ambassadorial functions of other states. I feel sure that the Japanese Ambassador does his task.

Scene Of Daring British Raid

Here is the entrance to Bardia, scene of a daring raid by British forces this week during which military stores were destroyed and effective sabotage carried out. Latest reports state that the British have again taken the offensive in Libya.



R.A.F. Fighters & A.A. Guns Score Heavily in N. Africa

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communique states that British fighter planes, although greatly outnumbered, shot down four enemy planes and damaged others over Tobruk last Tuesday. It is also confirmed that four unidentified enemy planes were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire in a raid over Tobruk last Saturday. R.A.F. planes on Tuesday also machine-gunned enemy infantry, resulting in heavy casualties.

MR EDEN ON IRAQ Aware Of Nazi Threat

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, declared that he was well aware of the potential menace to British interests and the independence of Iraq of any German infiltration into Iraq.

The Liberal Nationalist, Mr Morris Jones, asked whether Mr Eden would see that no Foreign Office hypersensitiveness was shown to German agents in Iraq and that they would be cleared out bag and baggage immediately.

Mr Eden replied that these epithets will have no place in any action Britain may take where she had the power and authority to take action.

British Prisoners Maltreated

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The charge that British officers in a prison camp in Germany were living in one cellar with no plumbing sanitation or daylight was made by a member of the House of Commons who asked what the Government could do about it.

The Financial Secretary of the War Office, Mr R. Law, stated that information was received about the unsatisfactory conditions in two German camps.

Everything was being done through the Power protecting British and there were no further means of bringing pressure on an unscrupulous foe.

In an early morning raid on Benghazi, bombs dropped on the two moles which were directly hit. One ship was directly hit and other shipping damaged.

In Greece, reconnaissance aircraft were actively engaged by British ground defences.

Successful Raids

South African Air Force fighters destroyed one Caproni plane over Debra-Markos and machine-gunned and destroyed three planes at Aboma.

Two planes are missing from all these operations.

A General Headquarters communique states that the Australians carried out two successful raids from Tobruk on the night of April 21-22 and captured 17 Italian officers and 430 other ranks. The Australian casualties were slight.

In Abyssinia in the Ambaagi sector the northern column is making progress and the southern column continues to press back the enemy who are holding positions covering Dessie.

Serb Govt To Fight From Exile

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav King and Government have definitely aligned themselves with other governments who will continue their struggle against the Nazis from exile.

Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary told the House of Commons to-day that the Yugo-Slav Government is now established, having given a formal assurance to Britain to stand faithfully behind the British Government as Allies and to continue thus until victory is won.

Britain, added Mr Eden, firmly intends to restore the independence of Yugo-Slavia and meanwhile will give the fullest possible measure of help.

British Building Up Huge Reserves Of U.S. Planes: Brighter Picture

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Nearly 1,000 assembled American and Canadian aircraft have already been delivered to the R.A.F. and only one aircraft was lost on the ferry service between America and Britain.

These and other arresting details of aircraft production were given by Lord Beaverbrook in the House of Lords to-day.

We now find American engines quite as good as any in the world, he said. Many American machines are in operational use—very many.

Lord Beaverbrook confessed that he had a thrill when the first Liberator recently arrived in Britain. It is a very big aeroplane, faster than the Stirling, and carries a fine bomb-load.

The British Admiralty in the last few days had received 85 aircraft by sea, 355 tons of aeroplane parts and 320 engines.

Convoy Losses

There has naturally been a drain on the shipment of aircraft by sea from America due to losses in convoy but our disappointment on this point is dissipated by the knowledge that the flow of aircraft from the United States is increasing rapidly.

The ferrying service is continuing and is likely to be developed and extended, and possibly we shall soon be able to fly some of our fighters by a route somewhat different from that taken by bombers.

Lord Beaverbrook disclosed that Sir Frederick Banfill, the Canadian scientist, lost his life when a bomber destined for Britain landed in trees in Newfoundland and was destroyed. Dealing with his policy of dispersal of manufacturing plants of a large scale, Lord Beaverbrook said that enemy bombings in which the Germans claimed to have inflicted immense losses in aircraft and aircraft capacity have turned out to be nothing at all because our plants had been out of the bombed area altogether.

Big Reserves

Rapidly as the R.A.F. is expanding, strengthened by a flow of pilots and crews from the Dominions, aircraft in storage show a satisfactory position. TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

RAJPUTANA TORPEDOED

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the armed merchant cruiser, Rajputana, has been torpedoed and sunk.

She was a sister ship of the Rawalpindi, which was sunk in a battle with the German pocket battleship Deutschland, in the North Atlantic early in the war.

Both the Rajputana and Rawalpindi were formerly P and O liners well-known in Hongkong.

AXIS NOT READY FOR TURKEY YET

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian Minister in Ankara has assured the Turkish Government that the occupation of the Greek port of Dedegach by Bulgarian troops implied no hostile intention towards Turkey, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Free French Agency. The Agency also reports that part of the British colony in Aden arrived on the island of Chios off the coast of Asia Minor.

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Mayor LaGuardia Wants More Aid For Britain

OTTAWA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—A call for further aid and material to be furnished to the nations of Europe was made in a speech by Mr Fiorello LaGuardia, the Mayor of New York, at a St George's Day luncheon to-day.

He declared that Canada and the United States were prepared to defend not only the coastline of North America but the seas for over 900 miles from the shore.

Referring to aid for Europe, he said that he was hopeful that more aid would be forthcoming as a result of the Hyde Park declaration issued by President Roosevelt and Mr W. L. Mackenzie King which announced the pooling of the defence resources of Canada and the United States to ensure the most effective aid to Britain.

Referring to the change in military technique, Mr LaGuardia concluded: "The uniformed forces of the Army and Navy, no matter how courageous, cannot win a war any longer. Wars to-day are won by the people at home, people raising food in the fields and workers in factories producing weapons."

Greek Government To Fight War From Crete

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—King George and the Greek Government have arrived in Crete, announces the Athens radio.

King George's Message

ATHENS, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—"The cruel destiny of war to-day compels us and the heir to the Throne, as well as the lawful government, to leave Athens and transfer the capital to Crete, whence we will be able to continue the struggle that the will of the entire nation and our duty to defend the country's independence and territorial integrity have laid upon us after the unprovoked attack we suffered from two empires," said King George of the Hellenes in a message to the Greek people.

"Our will and that of the Greek

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1. Local Time Signal.
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New Light Symphony Orchestra; Dainty Little Maiden (Besley); Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham with Orchestra; Prelude (Haydn Wood).
New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Joe Loss and his Orchestra.
2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Strauss—"Le Beau Danube".

Ballad Music.
London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.
7. London Relay—"The News".
7.15 London Relay—"Talk". "Meet Uncle Sam".
7.30 Schumann—Concerto in D Minor.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.
8. Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Operatic Duets.
"Die Meistersinger"—Sachs and Eva Duets (Wagner); See, Ev'ning Where, methought, can she be? A shoemaker's life is a life full of care (Ellenbeth, Richberg (Soprano) and Friedrich Schorr (Baritone) with Orchestra; "Aida" (Verdi); Heaven My Father!... Duet (Gianini and Giovanni Inghileri (Soprano and Baritone) with Orchestra.
8.15 Studio Local Newsletter.
8.30 The London Philharmonic Orchestra with Maurice Maerchal ("Cello").

Legende Op. 39 No. 3 (Dvorak).
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting The London Philharmonic Orchestra; Serenade Espagnole (Glazunov); Apres Un Reve (Faure).
Maurice Maerchal ("Cello"); Suite de Ballet (The Origin of Design) (Hindemith); (a) Bourree; (b) Rondeau; (c) Gigue; (d) Musette; (e) Battle and Finale... Sir Thomas Beecham and London Philharmonic Orchestra; Indian Lament (Dvorak); Dimanche de Paques sur la Mer (Easter Sunday at Sea) (Dupont)... Maurice Maerchal ("Cello").

9. London Relay—"The News".
9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Plantation Songs.
Campdown Races; Uncle Ned; Ring de Banjo; Old Black Joe... Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet.
Nellie Bly; Hard Times Come Again No More; Oh! Susanna; Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground... Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet.

9.45 London Piano Accordion Band.
Six Hit Medley; Intro: Roll Along Prairie Moon; Girl with Dreamy Eyes; My Dance; Easter Parade; Dancin' with My Shadow; She Wore a Little Jacket of Blue... with Vocal Chorus; There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods); One Night in Monte Carlo (Silver and Others)... with Vocal Chorus; At the Close of a Long, Long Day (Moll and Marvin)... with Vocal Chorus.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave 6-11).
10. London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".
10.15 Dance Music.
11. Close Down.

Amateur Cinema Club

Scenes of Hongkong, taken at fascinating and scenic angles, were shown to a large audience at the European Y.M.C.A. last night by the Hongkong Amateur Cinema Club. Sixty per cent. of the proceeds were for the Bomber Fund. Mr. F. A. Kaufmann announced the titles of the films.

They included the Evacuation, Mavis Mink's Health and Beauty Lesson; the King and Queen in Canada and the United States, and a colour film of English beauty spots.

Englishman Detained

Foochow, Apr. 23. Mr. C. G. Pearson, Superintendent of the 6-11 Administration, who was captured by the Japanese advance on Foochow while returning from a tour of inspection, has been detained by the Japanese. —Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1941.

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NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OPEN

—Teachers' Centre

Built and equipped at a cost of \$325,000, the new Teachers' Training College at the corner of Bonham Road and Eastern Street, was officially opened yesterday by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, by whose name the magnificent structure will be known. A large and distinguished gathering attended the ceremony, and after Mr. T. R. Rowell, the Principal, had given an account of what the aims and objects of the College were, His Excellency stressed the importance of proper teaching. He said that it was Government's duty to make sure that the training given to the teachers of its future citizens was "liberal" and that freedom must be the dominant principle in the teacher's approach to his task, for only in free conditions can mind or body grow right and strongly.

How the College came into existence was explained by Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education, who thanked His Excellency for the keen interest he had taken in education in Hongkong.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

Insurance shares were offered and found a ready market, otherwise little interest was displayed.

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Union Ins. \$425

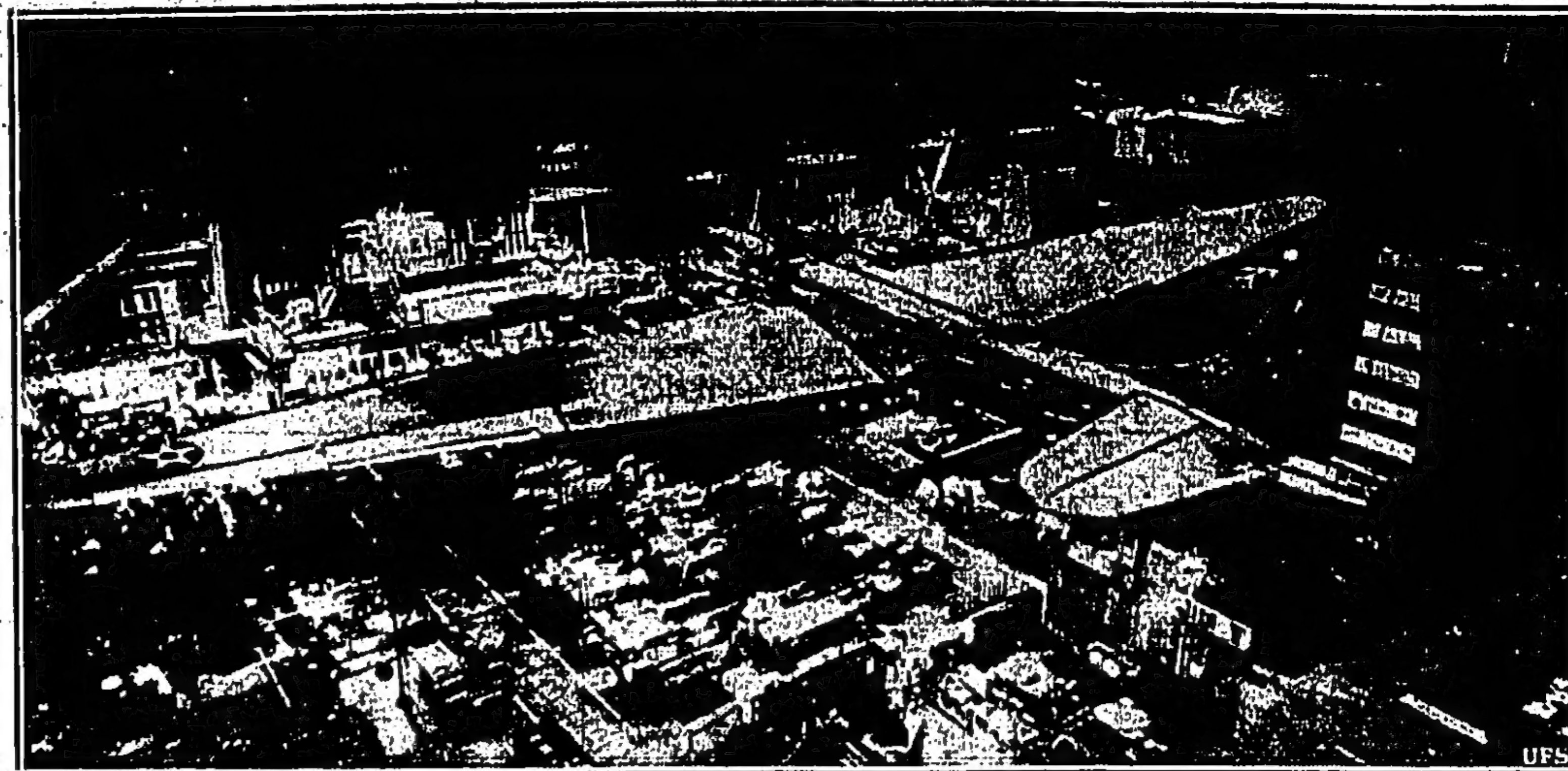
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Humphreys \$670

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Reply To Message Sent To Princess Elizabeth

A telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, to the Governor of Hongkong, dated April 22, has been received as follows: "Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth asks me to request you to convey to the people of Hongkong her sincere thanks for their kind message on the occasion of her birthday."



FOR HEMISPHERE DEFENCE—The staggering size of this Douglas bomber, called the "Hemisphere Defender," can be seen by comparison with objects around it, in the plant at Santa Monica, Cal. It's been under construction for four years, for the U.S. Army Air Corps. With a range of 7,500 miles, it can carry 125 armed men. Wing-spread, 212 feet; length, 112 feet; speed of more than 210 miles an hour.

Viscount Fired Eggs, Then Died

Viscount Lambton, twenty-year-old heir to the Earl of Durham, fired bacon and eggs for himself before he went out of doors and shot himself.

He was found dead on the lawn in front of the family home, Fenton House, near Wooler, Northumberland.

He had returned recently from London, where he had been living. On November 9 he registered for military service.

"Suicide while temporarily of an unbalanced mind" was the verdict at the inquest at Fenton House.

The Hon. Claud Lambton said that Viscount Lambton, his nephew, had been a little abnormal as a boy and unlike other people.

Midnight Meals

He had tried to sleep during part of the day and stay up at nights. The Earl said that he left his son between 11.30 and 11.45 on the night to go to bed.

His son had been phoning London. He thought something his son had heard during the phone conversation had been responsible for his action.

Elizabeth Scammell, housekeeper, said she was in bed when she heard Viscount Lambton in the kitchen.

She said she had frequently done this at midnight or one o'clock. The coroner said there was no possible question that Viscount Lambton had put the muzzle of a gun into his mouth with the intention of shooting himself.

LONDON CROWDS SEE MAN SHOT

LUNCH-TIME crowds in Whitehall were on their various ways home recently when a shot was heard and a young man in civilian dress fell sprawling into the street. He had a bullet in his thigh.

He had been seen a few minutes previously with a corporal of the Military Police.

The two men were walking down Whitehall when suddenly the civilian made a dash through the crowd.

The "Red Cap" promptly drew his revolver and fired, aiming low, and brought down his man with one shot. The civilian fell face forward on to the pavement.

To Hospital

A few minutes later an ambulance drew up and the wounded man was taken, still under escort, to hospital. An eye-witness said: "I thought I heard a car back-fire. Suddenly a young man crashed into me. He swerved across the pavement and then fell down. I looked round and saw a soldier with a gun in his hand."

Clothes For Raid Victims

Parcels of old clothing are gratefully received at the B.W.O.F. Office Government House, for the air raid victims in the bombed areas.

For the convenience of Kowloon residents, the European Y.M.C.A. (c/o Mrs Phillips, is also a receiving centre.

BOMBER FUND

A total of \$1,548,010.03 was reached yesterday by the War Fund Insurance by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

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Capt & Mrs L. N. Neer (in memory of the late Miss M. J. Russell) 10
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HEAVEN FOR WAR CHILDREN

The influential Lisbon newspaper, "Diario Noticias," prominently displayed recently an editorial urging that Portugal make itself the clearing centre for relief for child victims of the European war.

The director of the paper, Augusto de Castro, in his front page editorial under a five-column headline, "let us save the children, victims of the war," made these suggestions:

"Let us co-ordinate all efforts, from those of the esteemed International Red Cross down."

"Why do we not propose creation in all countries at war of 'shelter cities' where children exposed to immediate danger may take refuge?"

International Scheme

"Why not ask and get establishment in Portugal of an international centre for protection and distribution of children, authorised by the belligerent governments, and for food destined exclusively for charitable purposes?"

Senhor de Castro expressed certainty that the Portuguese Government would support the proposals and that belligerent nations would "accept with sympathy."

Home Of Homeless

Already Portugal figures largely in international relief activities. The Red Cross, the Rockefeller Foundation and various organisations aiding prisoners of war in Germany and Italy base much of their operations here.

Lisbon also is a point of egress from Europe of tens of thousands of refugees and temporarily a haven for tens of thousands of others who do not have immediately any place to go.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Boys' And Girls' Clubs Progress

A plea for more financial aid and voluntary help is made by one of the most deserving institutions in the Colony, the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, which has just celebrated its fifth year of existence and which is eagerly looking forward to its sixth.

On Saturday the Association will hold its annual Inter-Club sports, at which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, its patron, has promised to attend. Lady MacGregor will present the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.

The Association attempts to stand in the same relation to individual clubs as the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Associations stand in relation to individual companies. Among other things, its function is:

To raise funds from which grants can be made to promising clubs which need assistance; to start and maintain clubs in districts where no voluntary workers and finances can be obtained; to ensure the continuity of clubs which have been already started; to provide liaison with the work of the Society for the Protection of Children, the Hongkong Recreation and Social Welfare Council and other organisations dealing with social work; to care for children who have been before the Juvenile Courts; and lastly to be a medium for the exchange of ideas and information between clubs, to arrange inter-club games, sports and other activities.

Medical Attention
Medical inspection of the children is now a regular feature of many of the clubs, and the Association has been fortunate in having had the voluntary assistance of several doctors, and a scheme has been evolved whereby children who need attention are sent to the dispensary and hospitals for free treatment. It has been found that most of the ailments from which the children suffer are the result of under-nourishment, and it is not possible in most cases to provide the additional food which is required owing to lack of funds.

The Association reports a further increase in revenue amounting to \$4,035.58. Expenditure on the other hand, owing to greatly increased activities of existing clubs, and subsidies to new clubs, has risen by over \$1,800. The most gratifying result of the year has been the increase in the number of subscribers, which in 1940 was 89 as compared with 20 in 1939. It is still felt that there are a great many people who would be willing to help the Association if they were approached, and the Association will urgently need further assistance during 1941 if the expansion of its activities is to be made possible.

Girls' clubs are maintained at Telephone Road, Tam Kung Road, Gordon Road, Johnston Road, Diocesan Girls' School, Connaught Road, "Kwun-wan" (four clubs), and Sai Yuen Choi Street. There are 595 girls on the register with an average attendance of 499.

Boys' clubs are maintained at "Chung-shi" Street, Christ Church, Wanchai, Chinese Y.M.C.A. (day and evening clubs), Y.M.C.A. (day and evening club), Sai Yuen Choi Street, Sai Yuen Choi (day and evening club), Central, and To Kwa Wan (two clubs).

IT ISN'T DONE!
In Surrey (England) a civilian was fined a pound for firing at a German plane flying over a field. Though the plane was a "Heinkel" the "Hemisphere Defender" is aware when "it just isn't done."

A.R.P. Orders Promotions Appointments

A.R.P. Orders by Wing-Commander A. H. B. Steele-Parkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions, state:

Mobilisation

All members of the Corps mobilised for duty during the Black-out Exercises on April 17, are placed on leave without pay as from April 18, with the exception of those Warden whose services have been retained for special employment.

Equipment

All torches and dry cells must be returned to Headquarters as soon as possible.

Correspondence

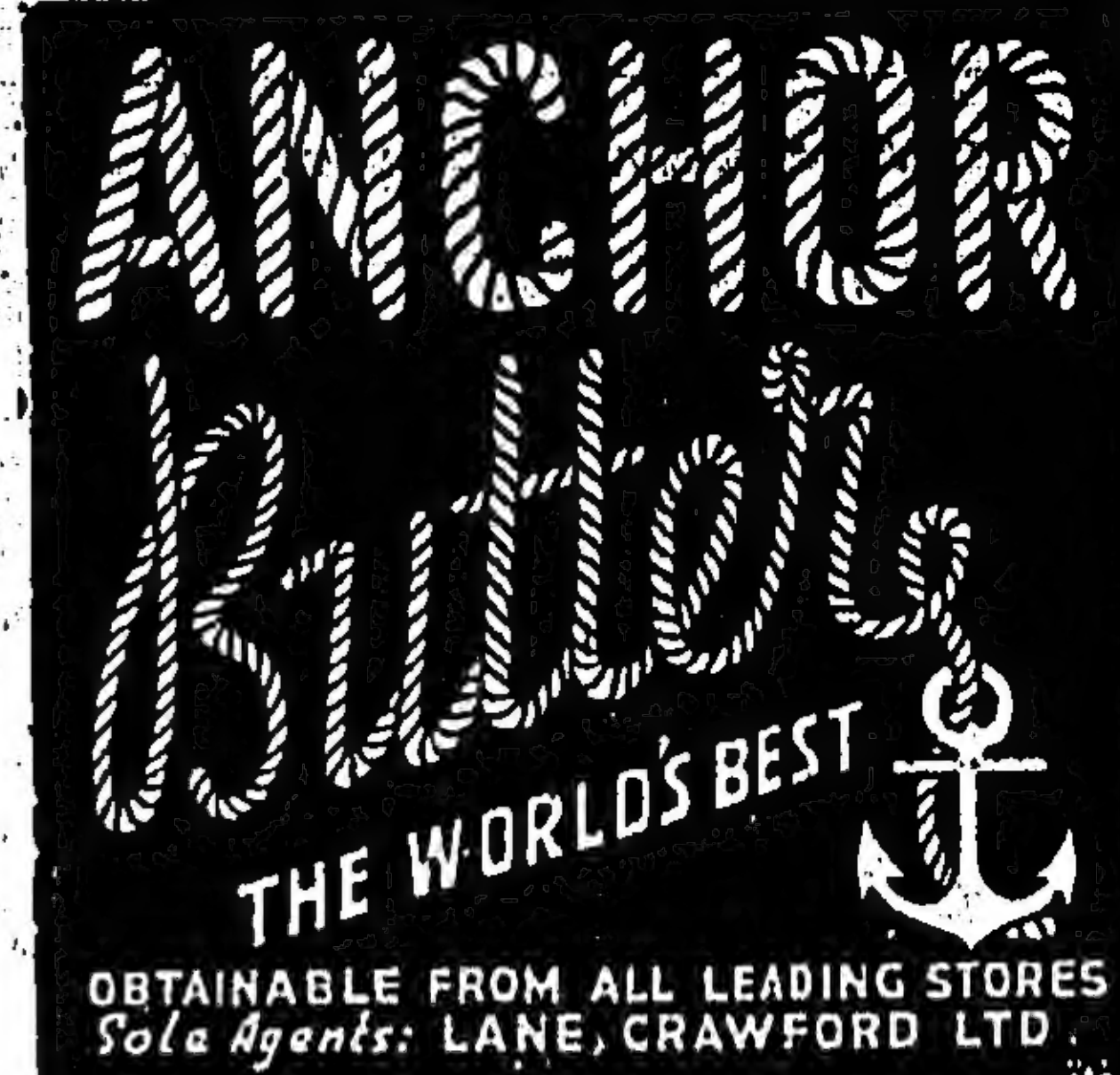
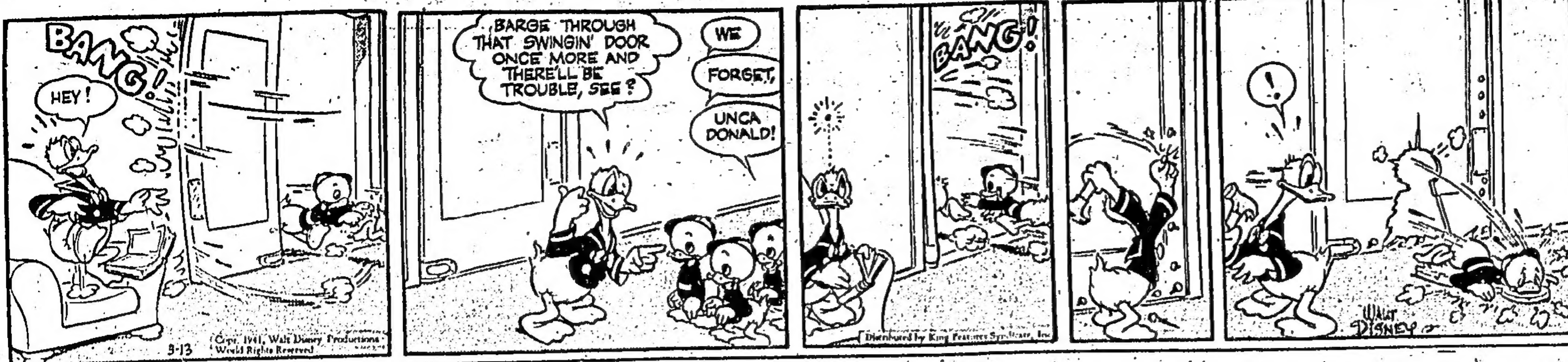
Members of the Corps are again reminded that all correspondence regarding leave, change of address, resignations etc., must be addressed to District and/or Divisional Wardens and not direct to A.R.P. Headquarters. Letters received at this office, except through the proper channels, will not receive attention.

Strength-Decrease

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:
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DONALD DUCK

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NEW WONDER PLANES for the R. A. F.

BEFORE very long the Germans are likely to feel the effect of Britain's new war planes—the Stirling, the Tornado, the Whirlwind, the Manchester and the Botha.

Just after the Queen Elizabeth had made her secret voyage to New York—and that is a long time ago—a friend told me that while driving past an aerodrome, with which Short Brothers were associated, he saw a strange four-motor machine standing on the ground.

It did not strike him as particularly big until his eyes suddenly focussed on a terrace of houses just behind it, "and," he said,

"It completely dwarfed the houses and nearly blotted them out of the landscape."

Since then the Queen Elizabeth has done a lot of useful work and so have Short Brothers.

THERE is a good story of the new Stirling bomber in its embryo stage.

A flying model, or "pock-up," as the aircraft trade calls it—to try out the controls and general proportions—was built secretly, and everybody was almost on oath not to talk about it.

One day the small daughter of one of the senior technical staff came running in from school and announced excitedly: "Oh, Daddy, I was told at school that the little bomber is going to fly to-day. Can I go and see it?" Collapse of Daddy who had been in main as a boy.

THE Blackburn Botha made its first public appearance inognito at an historic gathering of M.P.s and other privileged guests—and a lot of uninvited foreigners along the road outside—at Northolt Aerodrome a few weeks before the war.

We were shown all the existing Service types in action. Afterwards, two unnameable twin-motor monoplanes appeared from nowhere—and shot across the aerodrome at astonishing speeds.

By Charles G. Grey (Editor of "All the World's Aircraft")

Some of us knew that one of them was the Botha. The other was not. It is still unmentionable and is a very nice aeroplane.

The Botha, I see, is officially called a General Reconnaissance machine and not a twin-motor fighter or a medium bomber.

Reconnoitring means just looking around. The crew of the Botha will have to look pretty sharp if they are going to recognise much as they go by.

NATURALLY, much interest is taken in the Hawker Tornado and its new Rolls-Royce Vulture motor. And, naturally, one cannot say anything definite about its performance. But look at it this way.

You and everybody know how good the Hawker Hurricane has been, and the Supermarine Spitfire, and what terrible fire-power they have had compared with their enemies. They have had Rolls-Royce Merlins of 1,000 h.p., boosted to perhaps 1,200 h.p.

We have been told officially that the Vulture gives 2,000—which, naturally, is a conservative statement.

SICK PARADE

THE Portsmouth Lad, who never complains of anything, and for whom no toil is too prolonged or arduous, is muttering a little. In fact, he is not well.

The lurid glow of a cigarette has been visible from his bed since five in the morning. He has been shaved and dressed since six-fifteen.

His "Swabbing Job"—that is, his allotted portion of hut-cleaning—has taken him a quarter of an hour: ten minutes too long.

Now he sits listlessly, and says:—

"Well! I don't know what to make of it."

"Make of what?" asks the Old Sweat.

"This," replies the Portsmouth Lad, and holds up a forefinger. It has changed overnight: it looks like a cucumber. "It's funny, but it sort of throbs."

"Blood-poisoning," cries the Old Sweat, with relish. A dozen soldiers crowd round, uttering admiring comments.

"Wicklow," says the Lad from the Elephant.

"That'll 'ave to come off," says the Kid from Widnes.

"As long as it's not the trigger-finger," says the Good Boy from Godalming.

"Go sick," says the Old Sweat. "Tell the Orderly Sergeant to put you on the Sick Report. See the M.O. 'E'll fix it."

"I could tell him about me stomach at the same time," says the Portsmouth Lad. He brightens. "And me teeth."

The Orderly Sergeant takes down his name, age, religion, period of service, number, company, and other

Another extract from "Private Life of a Private," the diary of a journalist turned soldier.

details, urges him darkly to be on Sick Parade at 9.15, and not a second later; and goes out, gloomily carrying his book.

The Portsmouth Lad, somewhat thrilled, goes to join the procession of sore heels, mysterious thumbs, unhealed pains, cracked bones, imaginary lumbagos, severe colds, mild depressions, gritty eyes and fallen arches—the gently melancholy Sick Parade.

He returns an hour or so later, proudly exhibiting his finger bandaged to the size of a swiss roll, and smiling all over his amiable face. Everybody instantly asks: "What did you get?"

"M and D," says Portsmouth, still beaming. "But we had a nice long chat. What a nice man that M.O. is! A Jock. All doctors are Jocks."

"This finger's nothing. He lanced it. He told me to rest it if I could. Then I told him about me stomach."

"He said 'What's the matter with it?' So I told him I didn't think I was digesting me food right. So he said 'Where do you feel the pain?'"

"Well?" asks the Kid from Widnes, who has a henwife's appetite for pathological conditions. "And where was the pain?"

"I told him," says Portsmouth, "that I didn't have no pain. Not

what might be called a pain kind of style. But I couldn't be digesting me food properly, because of me teeth."

"Then this here nice Jock doctor says 'Well, what's wrong with your teeth?' And I say 'Nothing. I had 'em seen to when first I come. They took out the bad 'uns and left me the good 'uns.'"

"So I'm twelve teeth shy," I says, "and I sort of can't chew me food right kind of style."

"Anything else?" says the Jock doctor.

"Why, no, not that I can think of just at the moment," I tells him. So he tells me to go to the dental place about me teeth.

"I goes," continues Portsmouth, "and I says: 'I'm twelve teeth shy,' I says, 'and please, sir, will you do something?'"

"So the dental man looks at me teeth and says, 'They're as right as rain. It may spoil your beauty a bit in front, but nothing more than that.'"

"But," I tells him, "what about chewing me grub?"

"He tells me straight: 'The Army decides,' he says, 'that you have sufficient teeth to eat with. Therefore you are chewing your food,' he tells me, 'and if you're not, then you jolly well ought to be.'"

"So I comes back."

"And it's a load off me mind. I don't mind telling you that I was beginning to be worried about them teeth, 'cause I sort of have to lie down on me side to get me back teeth to bear on the meat at dinner."

"But as long as I got the proper ones to chew with, God bless me, I'm satisfied."

The Lad from the Elephant, with a calculating look, has cornered the Orderly Sergeant.

"I dunno if I ought to go sick," he says. "Me nose is kind of runny!"

"Buddywell chase it," says the

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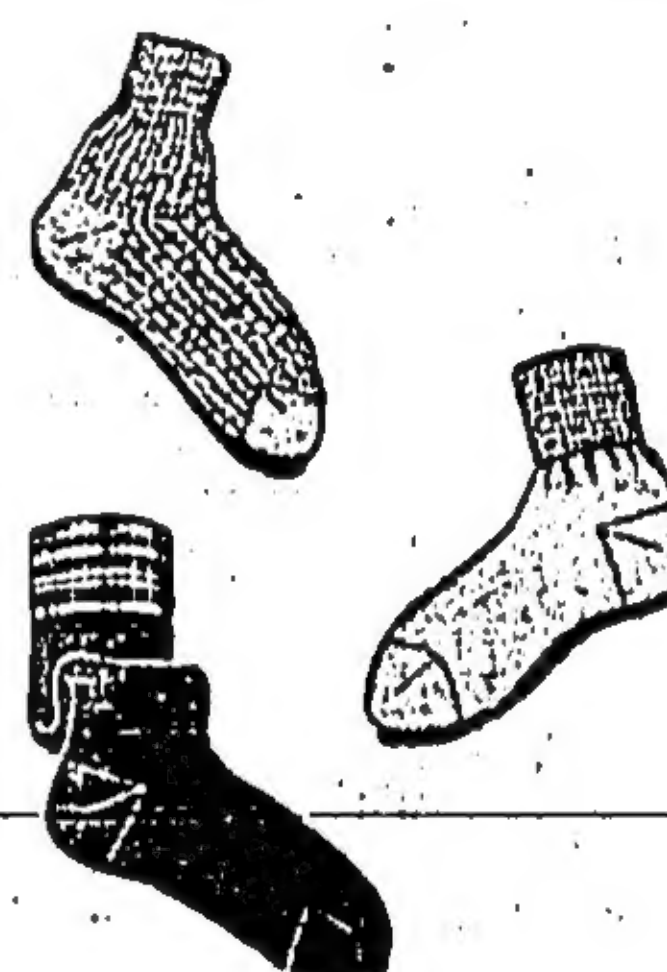
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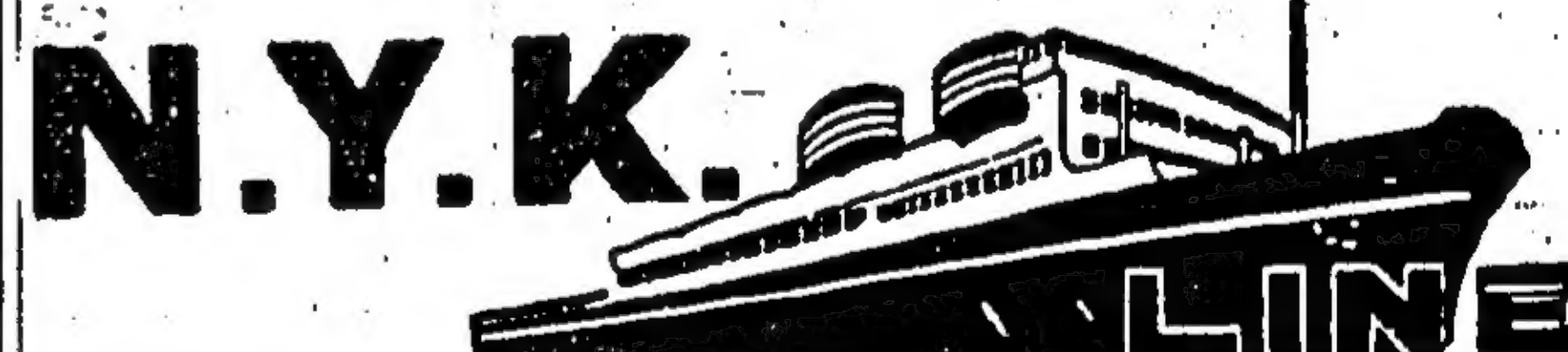


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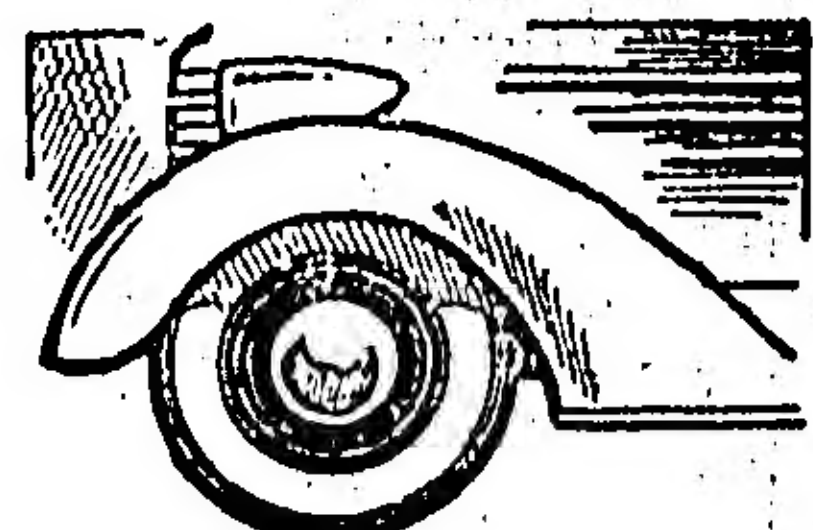
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JAPAN'S OPPORTUNITY

WHILE the Allied forces are being pressed back in the Balkans no excuse is needed for returning to the Far Eastern front to discover possible pro-democratic and pro-axis developments during this fateful year. Spain and French North Africa represent the western flank of the Empire's world-wide war set-up; the Far East is the opposite flank. To keep these strategic positions passive is as important just now as winning a war in the centre, that is, in the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

Overmuch importance need not be given to the Japanese successes at Ningpo and Foochow; the astounding thing is that these ports have been allowed to serve the Chinese so well for so long. Like a new broom the recently-appointed Commanders-in-Chief in China, General Hata and Admiral Shimada, have aspired to infuse life into the decaying expeditionary forces. Their achievements from Kwonghoi in the south to Foochow in the north have been little more than manoeuvres to blood fresh troops.

In Tokyo most voices have been harmonised recently to one key; finish off the China Incident first. The fact that this sentiment has not been backed up by reinforcements seems to confirm a growing impression that Japan is willing to seek a political solution, meanwhile keeping the military threat to the fore by savage slashes into the weak but resilient line of the Chinese armies and foraging expeditions into unexploited territory.

If a suitable intermediary can be found peace can be restored to Asia before the invaders and the invaded get inextricably caught up in the turmoil of the European octopus. Britain does not want an extension of the conflict in which she is engaged. The Chinese cannot hope to win back every inch of their territory by arms; North China they must regain by the assimilative powers that have consigned previous conquerors to oblivion. They have a right to demand a gradual but complete

WHY I SUPPORT THE WAR

DOWN to and including the time of Munich, I supported the policy of conciliation. In this I was in agreement with the majority of my countrymen.

I went further than the majority in believing that war should, at this moment in history, be avoided, however great the provocation. I changed later through the influences of the same events that changed Chamberlain, Lord Lothian, Lord Halifax, and most of the previous advocates of peace. In view of what has happened since, it would seem that it might have been better for the world if Germany had been opposed at an earlier stage; but I still think that the arguments for the policy of conciliation were very strong. These arguments, as I saw them, were three.

First Germany had been treated with abominable injustice at Versailles and afterwards; what the Nazis demanded was no more than Germany had a right to claim—equality with other nations, and union under the German flag of all populations that so desired.

satisfied as soon as all Germans were in the Reich.

Second: It was expected by all the experts that a new great war, if it occurred, would be far more horrible than the last. . . . So far . . . the war, dreadful as it is, has not been as bad as was feared. This may cease to be true at any moment if a large-scale attempt at invasion is made; perhaps the horror has been only postponed to the moment that best suited Hitler's plans.

But in the case of aerial attacks on Great Britain, it seems clear that he has done his utmost; and this has been enormously less destructive than had been predicted in the most authoritative prognostications, the reason being, apparently, that defence against aerial attacks has made very great progress during the last few years.

On the other hand, the fate of subject populations; more particularly in Poland, has been a good deal worse than had seemed probable.

On both these grounds the arguments for armed resistance to German ambitions have been shown to be stronger than they appeared to be before the war began.

Third: I feared that, if once there was war, the issue, whatever was nominally victorious, would be military dictatorship. It was obvious that, for the duration of the war, every beligerent Government would need

THIS first argument collapsed with Hitler's occupation of the non-German parts of Czechoslovakia. Until then, the German Government had done nothing that could rightly be called foreign conquest. The world had been told, in the most emphatic terms possible, that Hitler's aspirations would be

941 and all that

by William Barkley

TURN the scroll of history and pin-point it at the year 941.

ITALY. Sicily is occupied by the Saracens, Southern Italy by the Greeks; the rest governed by myriad dukes, marquises, counts, many of them descendants of barbarian hordes who destroyed city walls. Now the rival lords, fearing one another, are arming their vassals and founding hundreds of city States.

German bandit dukes descend on them. But they are overwhelmed by the biggest German of all, mightiest man in Europe, Otto the First, King of Germany, soon to be crowned by the Pope in Rome as King of Italy too.

The Greeks advance and ravage Benevento. The Germans defeat them, cutting off the right hands, ears and noses of Greek prisoners. Otto brings galleys with him, establishing colonies of Germans in every Italian city to counterpoise the locals, who are now pillaged by Germans instead of Norse, Huns and Saracens.

Luna, a town between Pisa and Genoa, remembers the Baltic pirate Hastings, who, pillaging the coasts of France and Spain, was refused a landing. Hastings "died." There was lamentation in his ships. His "corpse," brought ashore for Christian burial, sprang to life. He massacred bishop, clergy and soldiers; then cursed his luck. He thought he had captured Rome, but it was Luna.

GERMANY. Every duke and earl in turn has rebelled against King Otto, but he has mastered

withdrawal of Japanese garrisons elsewhere. An armistice period, of say eighteen months would suffice for trade treaties and the status of treaty ports to be settled and Chinese authority reasserted firmly but without recrimination. With the additional assurance to other Powers that further expansion in Asia would be economic and not military, Japan could help to open the vista of peace and prosperity to which she and other nations in the Far East are entitled.

Slavs ravaged Prussia, Huns and Tartars pillaged Bavaria, Norse laid waste the Rhine.

FRANCE. Saracens hold the south, Norse the north, Germans the west. In what is left of France warring barons fight, murder and massacre.

The Norse desperadoes still joke of Rollo, who, becoming a French duke, had to do homage to French King Charles by kissing his foot. Rollo refused, but ordered one of his men to act for him. The soldier, as proud as his chief, lifted the king's foot and tipped the King of France from his throne amid the horse-laughter of Rollo.

SPAIN. Two kingdoms, Leon and Castile, are held by the Saracens with Spanish dukes and people in constant revolt



By Bertrand Russell

Lord Russell, distinguished philosopher and writer, one time pacifist, who now lives in the United States, has expressed these views in a letter to the "New York Times."

dictatorial powers, and it was still refuses to state—will far from certain that, if the probably be found, if we win, to previously democratic nations have contained an element of won, they would re-establish de-imperialism. mocracy when peace had been concluded.

There came a moment—some will say one moment, some other—when it became evident that Germany would destroy the independence of the democracies one by one if they did not combine in armed defence. From that moment the only hope for democracy was war.

Before the war began it might have seemed preposterous to suppose that Hitler could aim at world domination. Now it seems probable that he does so, and his success is sufficiently possible to call for the utmost vigour in resistance.

I know that the war, even if it ends in victory, involves very grave dangers to democracy and freedom. I fear also that British war aims—which Mr Chur-

I DEPLORE the short-sighted illiberality of British policy in India, particularly the harsh imprisonment of such a man as Nehru. I scarcely dare to hope that the world after the war will be a good world, if we win, but if we lose it will be hell, probably for a long time to come.

It is a tragic alternative, but it must be met with such hope as the times permit and with a determination that in winning the war we shall not lose what we are fighting for.

There is one hope that is important, and, I think, not Utopian that at the end of the war some step, less ineffective than the League of Nations, may be taken toward the Federation of the World.

thing escapes that fire and sword can destroy. But the Greek fleet and the "Roman" army destroy Igor's force, and he takes not one-third of his men back to Russia.

POLAND. Here is a haven of peace. Mieczyslaw, first Christian Duke of Poland, has abolished paganism and established his mild rule without bloodshed. His father was of a peaceful disposition, too, and it is said to this period in Poland. "For this honourable reason his reign furnishes no materials for history."

CHINA. Here, too, was peace. They are playing with a new toy invented by one Fung-tao.

This man had cut figures in reverse in wood, pressed them on ink and stamped them on paper. That was printing, and soon literary examinations are being held for entry into the Chinese Imperial civil service. They are just starting a new fashion of binding the feet of female infants.

ENGLAND. Last year (940) King Athelstan died. He was crowned, in Kingston-on-Thames market place, King of an area not much larger than the home counties. He first had the idea of a United Kingdom of Great Britain. A Dane rules from Tees to Forth. He dies; Athelstan takes his title.

The Dane's son Olaf raises an army in Ireland and lands at the Humber from 730 ships. Olaf poses as a minstrel, wanders through the English camp, marks Athelstan's quarters. Athelstan moves and his quarters are taken by the Bishop of Selborne, who with his suite is murdered in a night foray by Olaf.

Somewhere perhaps in that English camp are the ancestors of Mr Cordell Hull whose New World is not to be discovered for just five centuries and one year.

No man in 941 could have fixed this pin-point of knowledge set down here. Men could not then see beyond their noses because they lacked books in these bloody, turbulent times.

Printing is our spy-glass which they did not possess. Looking back, in the year 1760 Gibbon wrote: "The experience of 4,000 years should enlarge our hopes and diminish our apprehensions. The arts can never be lost. Every age of the world has increased and still increases the real wealth, the happiness, the knowledge and perhaps the virtue of the human race."

A few years later the French Revolution knocked Gibbon's settled world to pieces, giving birth to that new ordered freedom which we in our day now defend.

Main Greek Army Remains Intact

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—It is believed here that the surrender of the Epirus Army does not affect the main Greek force.

Italian Statement
LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The official Italian news agency says that the surrendered forces number between 16 and 18 divisions—the greater part of the Greek army.

Albanian Frontier Forces
LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Authentic figures of the extent of the Greek capitulation are not yet forthcoming.
The military commentator of the official Vichy French news service says that 100,000 Greeks have surrendered, including the crack troops engaged on the Albanian frontier since December. He claims that this accounts for the greater part of General Papagos's forces and leaves only a few Greek units in the line co-operating with the British forces.
The commentator says that the surrender lays open an area bounded by the Pindus Mountains and the Gulf of Patras on the Ionian Sea.

No Canadian Timber For Japan

Although Japanese have shipped from their own timber lands in British Columbia more than 40,000,000 board feet of lumber to Japan in the form of logs during the past two years, few shipments are likely to be made in future, according to exporters in Vancouver.

Japanese still hold about 600,000,000 feet of standing timber at the north end of Vancouver Island—mostly cedar, hemlock, and balsam. Most of the logs exported have been of the latter two species because they are required for pulp manufacture in the Orient.

Liquidating?

Difficulty in getting ships and funds in Japan has discouraged the Japanese from making future export commitments, and it is expected that they will try to liquidate their timber holdings in the domestic market.
Vancouver Island business interests have been protesting against recent exports of logs to Japan, claiming that they will be used in war industries that will ultimately harass the British Empire in the Far East.

Shipped To U.K.

Under normal conditions all the lumber from British Columbia sent to the United Kingdom, amounting last year to nearly 1,000,000,000 board feet, is shipped by the all-water route through the Panama Canal.
Shortage of ships has made it impossible to maintain the volume of Canal trade, and the costlier but far quicker means of routing the lumber by rail to the Atlantic coast was adopted last spring.

Princess's Tribute To Coroner

Deputy-Coroner for the Isle of Wight for 30 years to Princess Beatrice, who is Governor and Coroner of the island, Mr Francis A. Joyce has tendered his resignation at the age of 81.
Accepting the resignation in a letter in which she warmly acknowledges Mr Joyce's able services, Princess Beatrice, who herself is aged 83, asks him to continue until she appoints a successor.

Eleanor Roosevelt's Memory Portrait

It has been the custom for First Ladies of America to leave behind their portraits to hang upon the White House walls, but Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt says she would "rather be remembered in spirit."
"I hope never to have to sit for my portrait," she said at a recent press conference when asked whether she was to pose for a well-known artist.

Gray Hair To Stuff Army Mattresses

The United States Army has ordered \$15,914 worth of curled gray hair to stuff mattresses.
A contract for 53,000 pounds of hair was recently awarded an Indiana firm. That which does not go into mattresses will be used for pillows and repairing automobile upholstery.

Confidence In Wavell Remains

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—A categorical assurance that, despite any rumours to the contrary, General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, enjoys the full confidence of the Government and has suffered no curtailment whatever of his powers of direction in the Middle East and the Balkans, was made by Lord Moyne in the House of Lords to-day.

The rumour in question was mentioned by Lord Elibank, who said that it arose from General Sir John Dill's recent visit to the Middle East.
Lord Moyne, in reply, pointed out that General Dill's visit was in accordance with normal practice, under which personal contact between the highest military authorities at home and in the field is consistently maintained.

Bomb Expert Blinded Hopes To Resume Work

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—One of Lord Beaverbrook's "Back Room Boys"—the trio who in virtual obscurity devise the R.A.F.'s implements of aggression—has been blinded, temporarily it is hoped.
This disclosure was made in the course of Lord Beaverbrook's statement in the House of Lords to-day, reviewing the R.A.F.'s expansion. He is Air Commodore Huskinson, whom Lord Beaverbrook in a broadcast on March 23, described as the designer of "big bombs, fat bombs, thin bombs and beautiful bombs."

Left Shelter
During the fierce blitz against London on April 16, Air Commodore Huskinson left his shelter and stood watching the effects of bomb explosions. Unhappily, said Lord Beaverbrook, an explosion resulted in the loss of his sight, but "I am glad to say that there is some prospect of his sight being restored shortly, and we are anxiously awaiting his return to the Ministry."

GERMANS OVER EAST ENGLAND

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—There was some enemy activity to-day, mainly near the east coast, states the Air Ministry.
A few bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties.
Enemy planes were reported over East Anglia and northwestern England to-night.

Bible Sales Rise As Fiction Declines

The Bible continues unchanged as America's best seller. Its popularity is increasing, states a Washington message.
Latest Census Bureau book publishing figures, covering 1939, show the annual output of Bibles, Testaments, and parts of the Bible published in separate covers, to be 7,927,848 volumes, compared with 5,679,317 in 1937.

Both 1937 and 1939 recorded tremendous increases in total number of Bibles printed. For earlier census years Bibles published were: 1935—591,173; 1933—566,488; and 1931—1,376,680.
The number of complete Bibles published in 1939 was 2,340,069. Testaments published separately numbered 1,208,014. Parts of the Bible (not whole Testaments) numbered 3,381,234 volumes, while an additional 969,831 Biblical volumes were not classified by text.

Novels Less Popular

While the production of Bibles showed an immense increase, the publication of fiction recorded a

heavy decline, 13,511,181 volumes in 1939, compared with 25,454,135 volumes in 1937.
The total number of all books published in 1939 was 189,142,492 volumes, compared with 197,359,070 volumes in 1937; 140,051,933 volumes in 1935; 110,789,913 volumes in 1933; 134,401,022 volumes in 1931; and 214,334,423 volumes in 1929.
The largest single grouping reported was that of textbooks for school use, not distributed as to subject matter, which amounted to 63,274,758 volumes in 1939, compared with 72,771,695 volumes in 1937.
Next high in 1939 in total numbers were books for juvenile readers 34,848,415 volumes, compared with 29,336,530 volumes in 1937.



CHURCHILL SEES "VICTORY"—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, right, leaves the famous old wooden warship "Victory" in which Nelson ruled the seas for Britain 140 years ago, during a visit to Portsmouth naval base. Behind Churchill is Admiral Sir William James.

Mussolini Presents War Aid Bill To Gen. Franco

Stefani, official Italian news agency, disclosed recently that Italy, claiming it had spent 7,500,000,000 lire (about U.S. \$375,000,000) aiding the insurgents in the Spanish Civil War, had presented a bill to Spain for 5,500,000,000 lire (U.S.\$275,000,000) to be paid in 24 annual payments.

Stefani published a "balance sheet" on the Spanish War aid which Premier Mussolini promised in his speech Feb. 23. It included these claims:

Italy sent Spain 763 planes for use in Italian squadrons and Gen. Francisco Franco's own air force, along with 1,414 motors, 1,672 tons of bombs, and 9,250,000 rounds of ammunition for them.

Armaments Lent
For land forces, Italy sent 1,930 cannon, 10,135 automatic guns, 240,747 small arms, 7,514,537 rounds of artillery ammunition, 324,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, and 7,668 motor vehicles.
Ninety-one Italian warships were engaged in Spanish War actions which 92 steamers ferried the material.

Italian submarines sank 72,800 tons of "hostile" shipping.
Kept Submarines
General Franco returned all the warships to Italy after the war with the exception of 2 submarines, 4 destroyers, and 4 armed motor boats, which were ceded to Spain.

Official totals of Italian casualties in the Spanish Civil War were given as: 2,132 killed and 10,765 wounded, of whom 2,000 were permanently disabled. These included aviation casualties of 175 killed and 192 wounded.

British Hollywood Link-Up

COLLABORATION with Hollywood, on a scale hitherto undreamed of, is foreshadowed by Commander Arthur Jarratt, who is in America on a special mission representing the British film industry.

Every leading American studio chief, at a dinner to him, endorsed Mr Louis B. Mayer, head of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, who said:

"The British Government will find Hollywood ready and anxious to place its entire resources at the service of the democratic cause."

Bright Films
Immediately planned is a more active participation in British production—which may result in British-sponsored films being made in California.
Commander Jarratt has also suggested that Hollywood should refrain from making heavy propaganda subjects, but send us bright entertainment reflecting cheerfully the purpose and resolve of Britain and the United States.

Critical Time
This trip by Commander Jarratt, of Gaumont-British, may transform production conditions at a critical time for British studios.
At present our producers are trying to supply, for our 4,800 cinemas, enough films for the compulsory quota—one British feature in every six. It is doubtful whether they can do it, with studios going out of use and man-power short.

SERT TO PAINT CHURCH MURALS
Jose Maria Sert, Spanish painter, has been engaged to paint murals in the Vich Cathedral (Barcelona) to replace those destroyed by fire in 1936. The paintings will depict episodes of the Spanish Civil War and religious themes.

Apples Are Kept Fresh By Sleep

Apples from last year's crop, kept by a new process so they remain as fresh as when picked, are coming on the market in May and June, says a message from the United Press.

This will be the first commercial test of "sleeping" fruit. The apples are now in a state which literally simulates the deepest sleep.

The fruit was placed last autumn in cool rooms, 40 degrees instead of the ordinary 32 degrees cold storage temperature. The rooms were tightly sealed and the oxygen of their air reduced to two per cent instead of the normal 20 per cent. At the same time the carbon dioxide was raised to five per cent, this gas coming from the fruit.

Same Flavour
The effect is to literally slow down the apples' rate of living, so that they last for many months without detectable change, even in flavour.
At two years, however, there is a difference in flavour. It is slight, might escape notice sometimes, but it is sufficient so that no commercial plans now are under way to keep apples fresh for more than one season.

Slow In Awakening
These sleeping apples have another quality which breaks all records. After coming from the sleeping storage room, they will keep fresh in the home for three or four weeks. Usually apples at home keep well for only four or five days. These apples remain fresh because they are very slow in awakening.

Preparing To Combat Gas Attack
As one of the invasion precautions, Britain has launched a campaign to tighten its defences against the use of gas.
Action was taken when it was found that only a fifth of the civilian population was carrying gas masks.
One suggested remedy of this situation was that gas masks be shown to obtain a ticket into an air-raid shelter.

Alarm Practices
The Ministry of Home Security is considering the inauguration of regular gas alarm practices for civilians. Gas chambers are being established so that the people may become accustomed to wearing masks "under fire."

Manufacturers of equipment used to combat gas were reported to have been asked to operate their plants 24 hours a day, seven days a week so that the country could be fully prepared.

Swimming

First Y.M.C.A. Gala To Be Held On May 14

A MEETING of the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section was held yesterday to arrange the programme for their first gala on May 14 at 9.15 p.m. Mr C. F. Hyde (Chairman) presided and others present were Mr A. W. Ingram, Mr E. W. Rallison (Swimming Secretary), Mr R. Goldman (Water-Polo Captain), Mr L. A. Benn, Mr G. T. May, Mr W. B. Ure, Miss S. Baskett (Women's Section) and Mr T. Baker.

The following programme was arranged—50 yards aggregate handicap; 220 yards free-style handicap; 100 yards back-stroke handicap; 75 yards individual medley; Diving (sealed handicap); 200 yards free-style invitation relay (Lai Tsun, Army, Navy, European Y.M.C.A.); Water-Polo (European Y.M.C.A. v. Middlesex).

The following officials were chosen—Referee, Mr J. K. Bousfield; Judges, Mr C. F. Hyde, Capt. C. M. M. Man, Lieut. Graham, Lieut. Flood; Starter and announcer, Mr R. Goldman; Whips, W. B. Ure, T. F. Baker.
Entries will close on May 7 and time trials for handicapping will be carried out on May 9 from 7 p.m.

Water Polo Drawn

A water-polo game between the Y.M.C.A. and Middlesex, earlier in the evening resulted in a two-all draw, after an exciting encounter in which at one period Y.M.C.A. had five men in the water against six.

Middlesex opened through Jennings but Y.M.C.A. equalised when May swam through and scored from close range. In the second half Middlesex took the lead through Burdage after Y.M.C.A. had lost May through an infringement. With May's return, however, they dominated the closing stages and May equalised with a last second shot which entered the net a fraction before the final whistle.

F. Willis refereed and the teams were:

Y.M.C.A.—H. C. Eardley; L. A. Benn, E. W. Bullen; G. T. May; R. Goldman, P. B. Wilson.
Middlesex—Berry; Burditt, Baker; Ure; Burdage, Jennings, Quikendon.
A return match will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

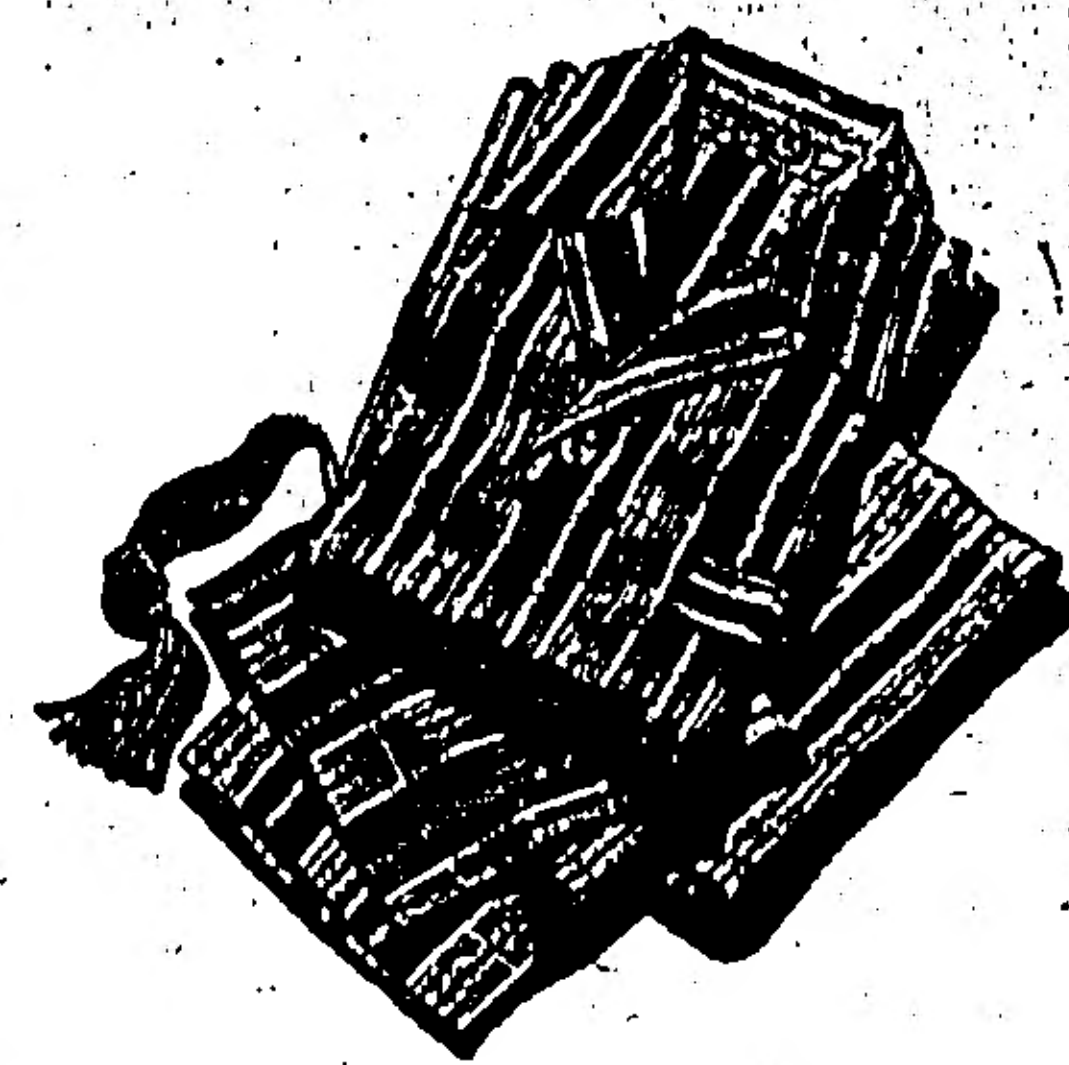
Clubs Invited To Snooker And Billiards Matches

In an effort to promote friendly rivalry and to encourage those Billiards and Snooker enthusiasts who are anxious to match their skill with other equally enthusiastic players, the European Y.M.C.A. Billiards Committee invite the honorary secretaries of interested clubs to apply to the Hon. Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Billiards Committee for match fixtures.

All fixtures arranged will be played on the two tables at the Y.M.C.A., but return fixtures may be arranged if so desired.

The Billiards tables at the Y.M.C.A. are being renovated and put into first class condition, and it is certain that when these have been completed, there will be no finer facilities anywhere in the Colony.

It is hoped that as many fixtures as possible will be arranged and thereby help to promote a sound social and competitive atmosphere in the Billiards playing communities of Hongkong.



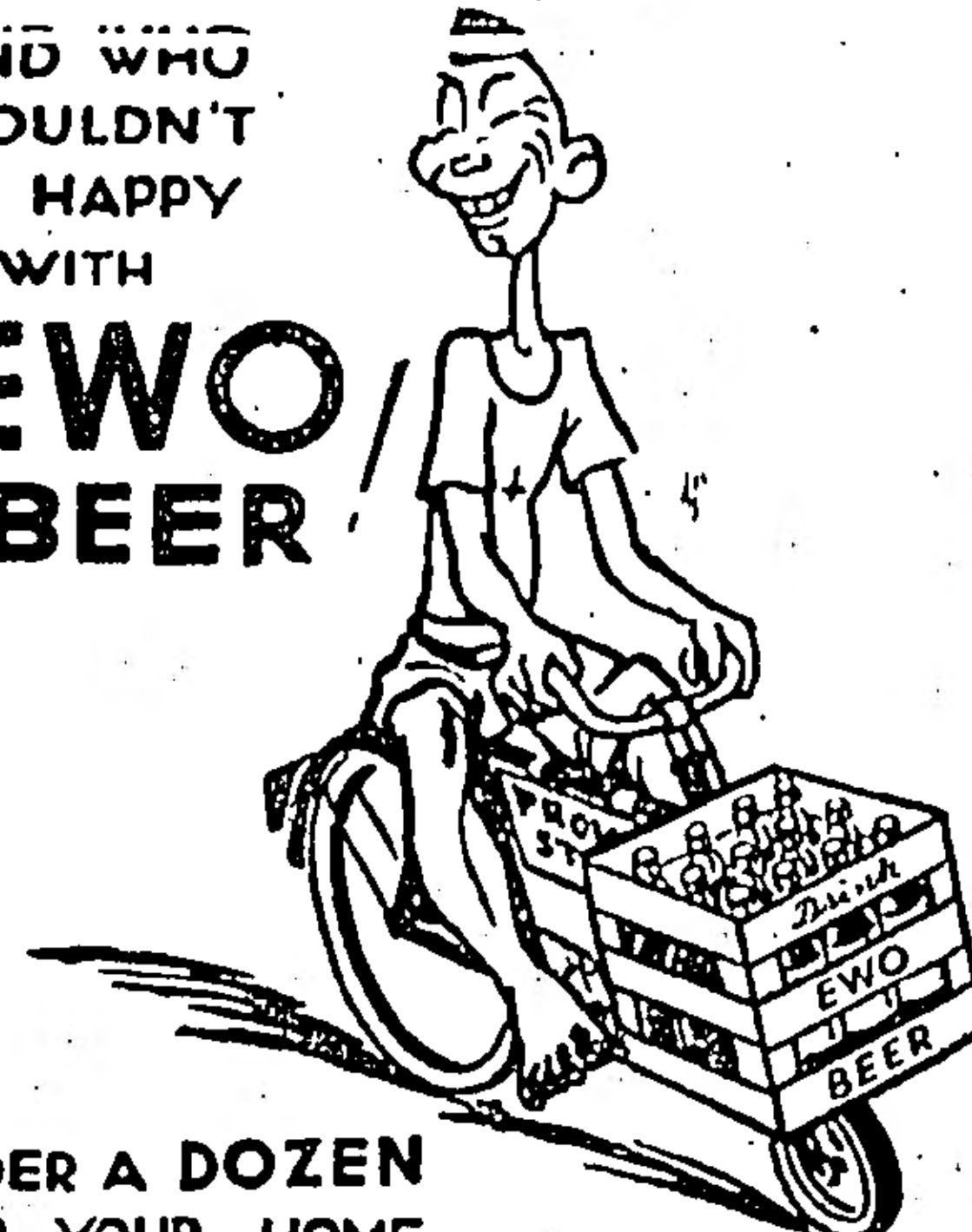
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

1940-41 Season Comes To Its Close

Six-a-side Tournney At King's Park On Sunday

Only 14 Entries To Date

THE 1940-41 SEASON comes to a close next Sunday when the second annual Six-a-side Tournament will be played at King's Park, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

Only fourteen teams have submitted their entries so far, but more may be expected before Saturday. Should less than twenty teams participate, four grounds will be required—these will be the Navy, the Y.M.C.A., the C.B.A. and Recreo grounds.

To-day's Tennis

To-day's semi-final match in the Colony Open Singles Tennis Championship will be:

Tsui v. S. A. Rumjahn (Stand Court).

These were the finalists last year, when Rumjahn played a remarkable game to take the title in five sets. Tsui has shown little to incline one to the belief that he will regain his crown, though he will doubtless be most eager.

Major Baseball

N. Y. Giants Nose Out Boston Braves

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (UP).—New York Giants to-day nosed out the Boston Braves 5-4 in the National League. Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 4-2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
New York	5	10	1	
Batteries: Bowman, Lohman, Danning.				
Boston	4	9	1	
Batteries: Erickson, Garnett, Javery.				
Philadelphia	0	4	3	
Batteries: Pearson, Podgajny, Livingston.				
Brooklyn	4	8	1	
Batteries: Wyatt and Owen.				
Cincinnati	5	10	0	
Batteries: Walters, Lombardi.				
Chicago	0	5	2	
Batteries: Erickson, Olsen, McCullough.				
Pittsburgh	1	3	2	
Batteries: Butcher, Dietz, Lopez, Davis.				
St. Louis	3	12	2	
Batteries: Graham, W. Cooper.				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Boston	2	11	2	
Batteries: Wagner, Tylick.				
New York	4	9	0	
Batteries: Gomez, McCullough.				
Washington	7	12	5	
Batteries: Chase, Zuber, Carrasquel.				
Philadelphia	11	15	2	
Batteries: Potter, A. Johnson, Ferriek.				
Chicago	5	8	2	
Batteries: Hallett, Grove, Humphries.				
Triple	13	14	0	
Batteries: Newhouse, Tebbetts.				
St. Louis	2	8	2	
Batteries: Niggeling, Bidil, Caster.				
Cleveland	5	9	0	
Batteries: Feller, Hemmley.				

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSN SPORTS MEETING

THE ANNUAL SPORTS meeting of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association will be held at the South China A.A. stadium, Caroline Hill, on Saturday, April 26. His Excellency the Governor will attend, and Lady MacGregor will distribute the prizes.

The activities of this Association are for the betterment of social conditions in Hongkong. It was formed five years ago, and now boasts of 20 Clubs, at which a total of 595 girls and 648 boys attend.

The children are from the poorest families in the Colony, and in catering to their education, moral, physical and general, the Association is

The final will be played on the "Y" pitch.

Entries to date are as follows:

Royal Signals (two teams), C.B.A. (three teams), Middlesex Regiment (two teams), Destroyers (one team), Khalsa (two teams), Nomads (one team), and 5th A.A. "A" (three teams).

The Police runners-up to Recreo in the H.K.H.A. Tournament, are unable to field a side as they will be visiting Macao, while the champions are unable to turn out owing to injuries to several of their players.

Some interesting games should be seen during the course of the afternoon.

Rules

FOR the benefit of Umpires and players, the rules of the competition are as appended below: The game shall be played in accordance with the usual rules of Hockey, with the following exceptions—

(a) The teams shall consist of six players each, the formation of the team being entirely optional, e.g. goalkeeper, two backs and three forwards, or a kicking back, two halves or three forwards, or any other arrangement desired.

(b) The duration of the game shall be two periods of six minutes each with no interval, not more than one minute being allowed for goalkeepers to change ends. The final shall be two periods of ten minutes each with three minutes interval.

Note:—The timekeeper will blow his whistle one minute before the time of starting each game. Any team not on the pitch ready for the game at the time indicated in the programme will be disqualified.

(c) Penalty bullets will not be awarded under any circumstances.

(d) The usual off-side rules shall apply with the substitution of TWO opponents for THREE.

(e) The winners shall be the team scoring the greater number of goals, or if these are equal, the team having the greatest number of short corners awarded them, or if these are equal,

(ii) the team having the greatest number of long corners awarded them, or if these are equal,

(iii) the result shall be decided by the position of the ball at "full time" whistle, the team in whose half of the field the ball is situated being the losers.

Note:—A goal scored as a result of a corner automatically washes out that corner.

fulfilling one of the greatest needs of the Colony.

Funds, in the main, are dependent on the generosity of Colony residents, and though last year showed a gratifying increase in these, expenditure, too, has shown an increase not only in the growth of new Clubs, but through the widening of their spheres of activity.

Appeal is made for the continued generosity of those already contributing, and to others to whom the movement has not yet made itself sufficiently known. It is a most deserving cause.

Donations may be made to Mr Kwok Chan, the Banque de l'Indo Chine, who is Hon. Treasurer, and who will gladly acknowledge such receipts.



Macao Lyceum and the Hongkong University hockey teams that met in a friendly game at Pokfulam last week, when the visiting team won 1-0.

Badminton Championship Ties To-night

P. H. Wong v. M. P. Yoong

FURTHER SEMI-FINAL matches in the Open Badminton Championship will be played this evening at Kowloon Cricket Club. The programme will be as follows:

8.30 p.m.—P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Mixed Doubles).
9 p.m.—T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier (Junior Doubles).
9.30 p.m.—P. H. Wong and M. P. Yoong.

All three matches should be very close, though main interest will no doubt be centred on the last match of the evening. Odds will be in Wong's favour, though he has not been showing up very well this year. Young is too inclined to the spectacular to be reliable.

P. K. Hooi and Miss Khoo have a stiff hurdle in the Recreo pair, but should manage to win, while in the Junior Doubles odds will be in favour of Young and Fung, for though Pereira has shown excellent form to date, Xavier has hardly been up to form.

It is when things are going against his side that his initiative and knowledge should be shown. A hint here and there, a change of position or plan, encouragement to this or that player, and an ability to appreciate the respective temperaments of his ten men are big assets. On and off the field he should be leader.

Team Spirit

SUFFICIENT attention is seldom paid, either by the captain or by his team, to the way in which the best can be brought out of the side. Too often a team is merely a collection of eleven individuals, out for an afternoon's exercise and enjoyment, who do not consider as much as they might the best way to get the utmost out of the side, not only with a view to winning but to give as good a display of the game as possible.

Victory is not the sole aim of the game. What is necessary is that the team should play well and hard, taking good luck and bad with equanimity. If victory comes, so much the better.

And a captain can do much towards preserving or encouraging the spirit of playing together.

"Y" Athletics

A meeting of European Y.M.C.A. members interested in Athletics (track and field) will be held in the West Lounge of the Y.M.C.A. to-morrow at 6 p.m. to form a committee and make plans for this new section.

Requirements Of An Ideal Hockey Captain

THE IDEAL CAPTAIN is born, though one may attain a near equivalent through long experience with the management of a team, and the importance of selecting a leader who has the power to command and instruct cannot be over-estimated.

One often sees a captain going through a game without any remark or suggestion to his side, though he has possibly seen several instances of faulty passing, poor tactics and even cases of extreme selfishness.

Players who have not the inborn intuition to lead should not accept the position, and the policy of making one's best player the captain is a blunder of the first magnitude.

The good "skipper" should not be the bullying autocrat, he should instil into his side a spirit of esprit de corps. Through strength of character he can prevent incidents on the field by the exercise of firmness and tact. In all this a passive captain fails, for he must lead or fail.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Macao Soccer Comment

Sir,—In your sports section of Saturday's issue, a sport commentator writing under the veiled name of "Scrambler" on the annual Hongkong-Macao Interport Football meet very politely, but not justly, classed the standard of football as played in Macao to be below that of Hongkong, and predicted a certain victory for the home team.

The writer whose experience and knowledge of the strength of Macao's Interport composition very naturally considered the statement to be too premature, but preferred to wait for the eventual result before taking up his pen in defence of same.

As the result of the match is now well known, and the formidable Hongkong Interport team was beaten by Macao, whose standard of play as the sport critic puts it is below that of Hongkong, I should like to advise Mr "Scrambler" to take an object lesson of this Interport, and in future refrain from advancing unsavoury comparisons which may tend to under-rate the reputation of a friendly neighbourly team, as such was clearly the case.

MACAO SPORTSMAN.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting on SATURDAY, 26th April, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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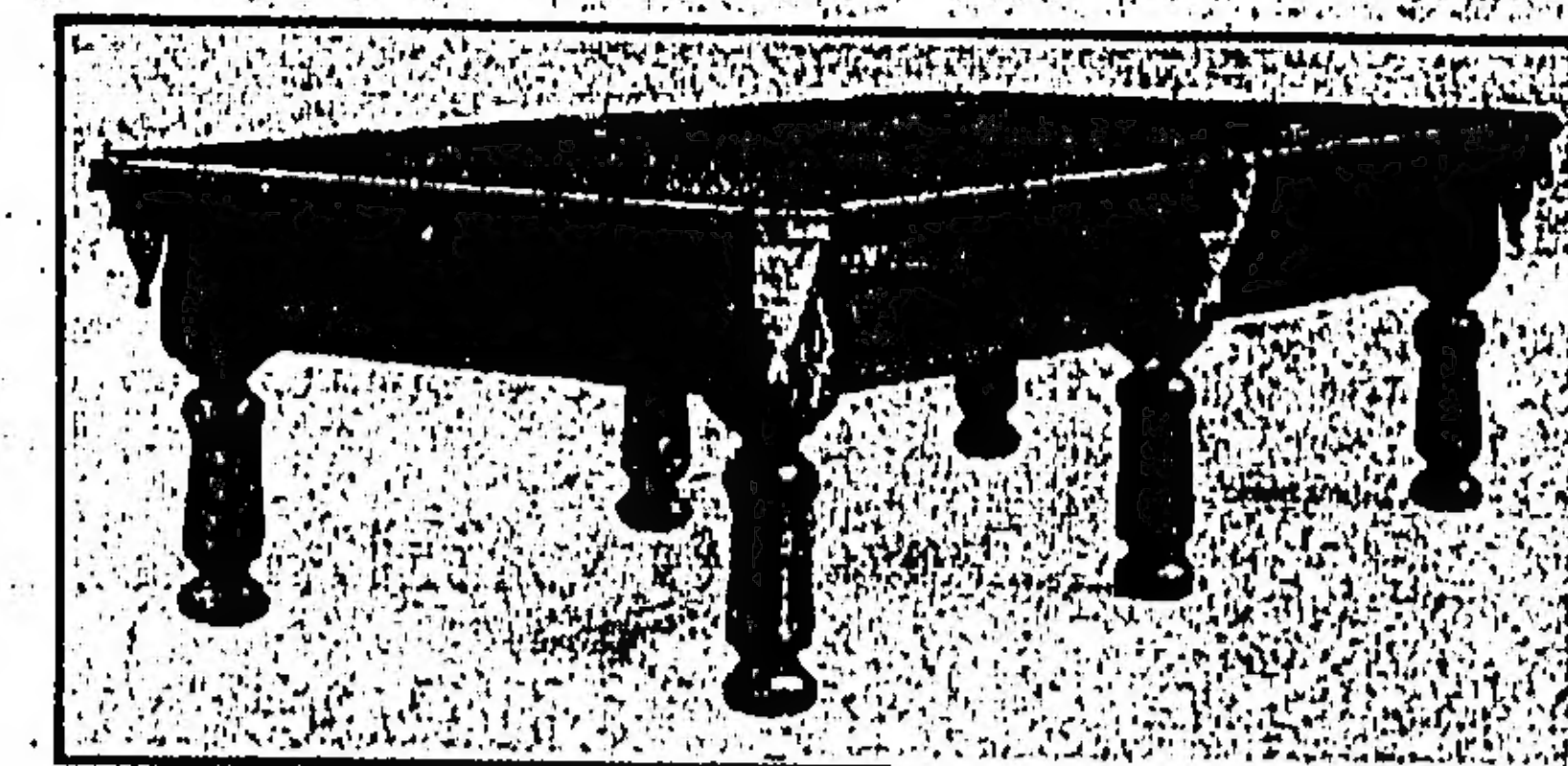
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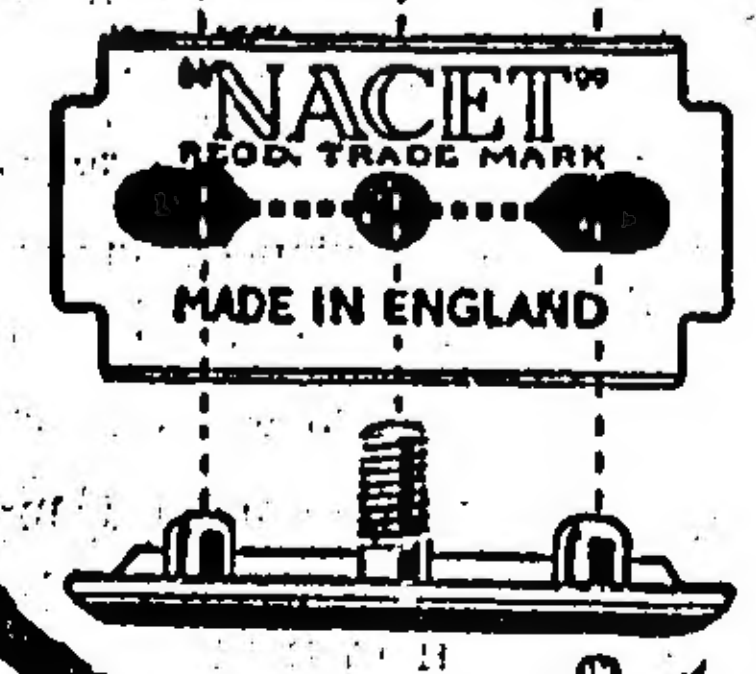
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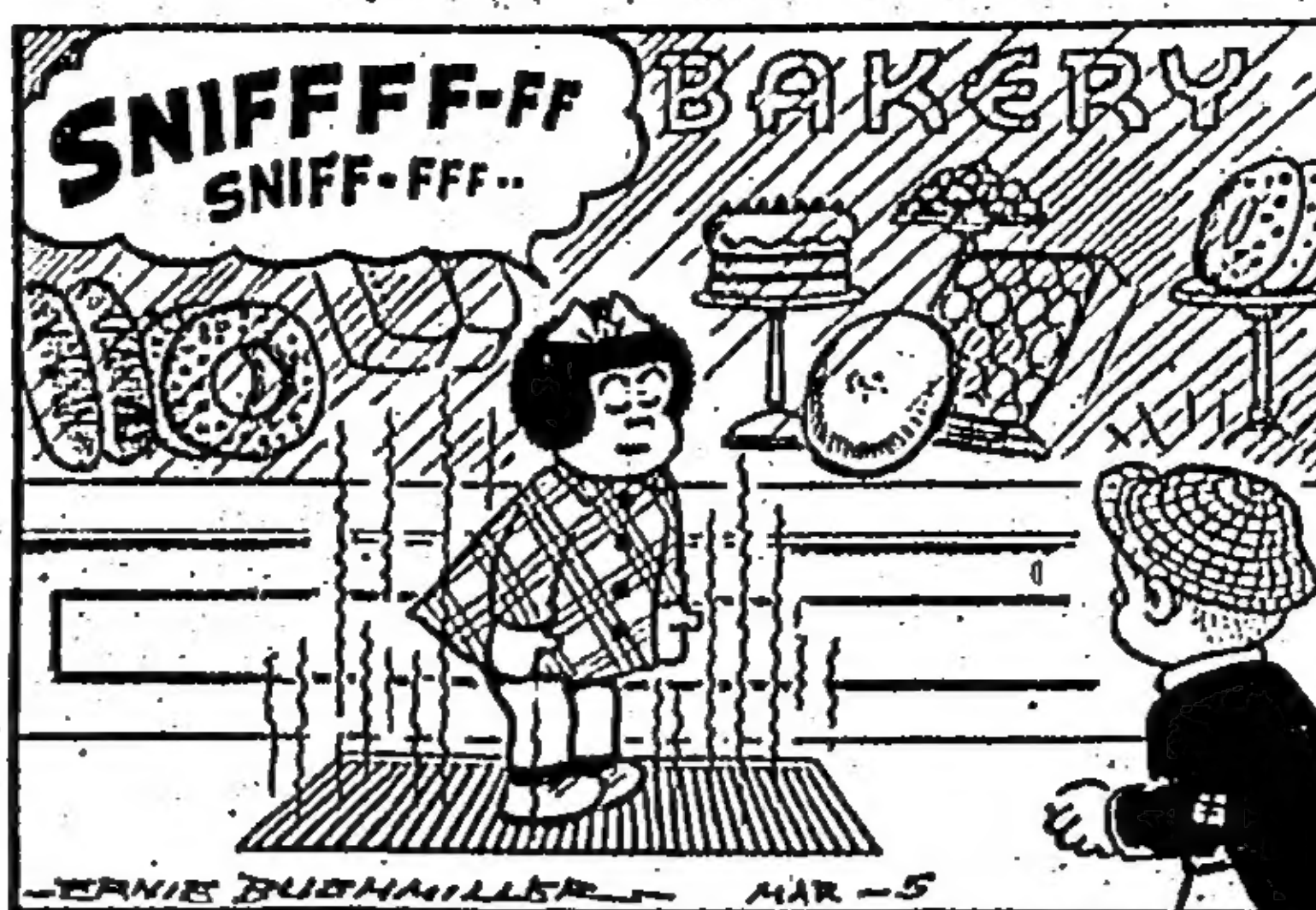
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MANY SIGN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FREE INDIA AIM OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

PROMINENT M.P.s of all the leading political parties have signed an important message to the people of India from "Friends" in the British House of Commons.

The signatories include Mr H. B. Lees-Smith and Mr F. W. Pethick-Lawrence (Labour); Sir E. Cadogan and Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne (Conservatives); Sir G. Schuster (Lib. Nat.) and Mr H. Graham-White (Liberal).

The signatories are sincerely convinced, they say, that the deadlock which has arisen is "largely the result of a misunderstanding."

The message declares that "the common people on both sides must see that this tragedy is prevented—that the misunderstandings on superficial matters are brushed aside and the agreement on fundamentals made clear."

Fundamental Objects

It outlines as follows what the signatories regard as the fundamentals in the British attitude:—

(1) THE BRITISH PEOPLE ARE IRREVOCABLY RESOLVED TO GIVE INDIA FULL POLITICAL FREEDOM.

We feel that Indian leaders who have not recently visited England do not perhaps sufficiently appreciate how deep is the desire in this country to see India achieve a status equal to that of the other Dominions.

(2) THE BRITISH WISH TO SEE INDIA DECIDE HER OWN CONSTITUTION.

As we see it, the solution of the Indian problem does not merely lie in "reasonableness" by Great Britain. It calls for the most intense and creative effort in India itself.

1935 Act

For whatever reasons, the Act of 1935 seems to have been found unacceptable in India.

The British Government has frankly recognised this fact, has agreed to the reopening of the whole constitutional issue, and envisages that the drafting of a measure to

replace the Act will be substantially the work of India herself.

Central Issue

We have no desire to minimise the difficulty of the task. The central issue is, of course, the communal one.

(3) THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS WHICH IT CANNOT RENOUNCE.

Surely India on her side is bound to recognise that the British Government has certain obligations to the Minority Communities and certain definite treaty obligations to the Indian States.

Does this mean that we would support the minorities in holding up agreement by unreasonable demands? Certainly not. But there must be reason on both sides.

(4) THE BRITISH PEOPLE DESIRE THAT THE ADVANCE TOWARDS INDIAN POLITICAL FREEDOM SHOULD BE MADE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

It is hardly possible for the British Government to take part in a complicated constitutional settlement in the midst of war. Mr Gandhi has recognised this. We are clear that the new constitution must be set up immediately after the war.

Get Together

Why should not Indians get together now for the purposes of hammering out a plan?

The Indian problem cannot to-day be isolated from what is happening in the rest of the world.

The present titanic struggle is deciding the fate of all of us, of India no less than Great Britain.

The message of the British nation to the Indian nation is: "Join with us in defeating Hitlerism. Join with us thereafter in framing the terms of peace and helping to shape the course of the world."

This Horse Saw Red

A RUNAWAY horse dashed through the streets of Salisbury one day recently, dragging a swaying cart to which the driver clung desperately.

In and out of traffic the horse raced on. After nearly half a mile it approached a dangerous junction controlled by traffic lights.

An accident seemed inevitable. Then—the lights turned to red. The horse stopped dead.

The driver took hold of the reins and the horse jogged meekly back to work.

Churchill Surprise For Sentry

Mr Winston Churchill recently sent ten shillings to a young soldier who "held him up" during a visit to the southeast coast.

The soldier was on sentry duty at a protected place when Mr Churchill appeared ahead of his party. The Prime Minister was challenged and asked for his pass. He replied that he had not one, but no doubt the sentry knew who he was. The sentry agreed that was "very likely," but his orders were to let no one by without a pass. So Mr Churchill waited a few moments, until he was vouched for by the sentry's officers.

A few days later the sentry received an official-looking envelope. It contained a 10s note and a letter expressing the Prime Minister's appreciation of the soldier's sense of duty.



DEFENDING AMERICA—U.S. Army bombers based at Puerto Rico fly over the city of San Juan during manoeuvres. The Caribbean island is now a key military and naval base for defence of the Panama Canal and is being heavily fortified.

Land Speculation In London Assailed

A committee is being set up in London to check land speculation by brokers buying up bombed sites to resell to municipalities after the war, the Government announced recently in the House of Commons.

A broadcast from London said recently that the fire-ravaged "city" or financial section was undergoing the "most hectic land speculation activity in its history."

Speculators hope that, when the time comes for reconstruction in London, they will be able to name their own price for the land which they have snapped up while it remained useless, the C.B.S. broadcaster said.

Seagull Eggs And Bacon For Wartime Breakfast

Seagull eggs soon are to be teamed up with breakfast bacon in England.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has just completed a seagull census and has made arrangements to have eggs collected and marketed.

Seagull eggs have long been a favourite food of hardy British fishermen. The eggs taste like duck eggs.

The Government announced recently that chicken feed would be rationed because of inadequate supplies.

IT PAYS TO BE BRITISH

When a Briton in San Juan, Porto Rico, was recently served with a summons for parking his car too long, the policeman said, "You're American?" "No, English," replied the motorist. "Ah! I sympathise with Britain," said the policeman, and promptly tore up the summons.

One-Suit Era Is No More Men's Larger Wardrobe

The day when one suit or one hat served for all occasions is gone now. Even two suits and a couple of hats won't get by these days.

Who says so? Gerald D. Grosner, Chairman of the Style Committee of the U.S. National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers.

More and more men, says Mr Grosner, are learning that a wardrobe of three or four or five suits is an economy.

"A 12-hat wardrobe for every well-dressed man is suggested by the men's hat industry," Mr Grosner observes. "Drawers full of shirts—socks of five—all are becoming accepted by men in all walks of life as an economy and necessity."

No "Old School Tie" In Australia

"The old school tie has no place in the Australian Army," said Mr P. C. Spender, Australian Army Minister, referring recently to the controversy over Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Bingham's letter on the training of new officers.

"We look for qualities of leadership and character, I think the sterling type of recently-appointed Australian officers who never had an old school tie bears me out."

English Gaol Warders Deplore Conditions

ALTHOUGH Mr Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, recently denied statements about inadequate control of prisoners, the Prison Officers' Association has decided to send to members of Parliament a list of allegations about prison "unrest."

The association alleges that shortage of staff, combined with other factors, has made the maintenance of discipline "almost impossible among convicts and prisoners."

In a report on different jails, the association contends that at Parkhurst, where "a recent change in immediate control seems to be having some beneficial effect," prisoners are unlocked when an alert is sounded, and not more than fourteen officers are left in charge of 400 convicts.

Convicts Impertinent

"During the unlocking of prisoners from their cells, conditions are almost intolerable. . . . Missiles are thrown out of the cells and through the darkness during alerts catcalls and booling are heard. The officers complain that the general demeanour of the convicts is impertinent."

The report also alleges that at Feltham, a young remand prisoners' institution, gangs were formed, and the Prison Commissioners were warned that unless something was done to stop the rot there might be a wide-scale attempt to break away from prison.

"Nothing material occurred," alleges the association's statement. "As a result seventeen prisoners succeeded in getting away from Feltham last week." Later a commissioner was sent down to investigate.

Cupid Finds Spy Clues

German women in Britain, trying to dodge internment and the restrictions on aliens, are asking marriage bureaux to find them British-born husbands.

The "Marriage Mart" do not arrange the weddings—but they send all particulars of the applicants to Scotland Yard.

"We get an average of 10 a week, mostly from Austrian women," Miss Mary Oliver, the joint manager of a West-End Bureau told a reporter.

"We invite full personal histories from each woman—and send the forms to the police. Some of the applicants may be spies—and we are taking no risks."

Civilians Teach Cycle Tricks

One hundred and twenty-five Army and Tank Corps motor cyclists who took part in a reliability trial held in the Midlands recently were told that the object was "not to look pretty when riding, but to get there."

The hazards included a muddy lane, a water splash, a steep footpath over tree roots, rough grass and rocks.

Civilian experts waited at each hazard and riders who failed were shown how to take the hazard properly.

THE REGAL TOUCH

An 85-year-old woman living in a Luton almshouse offered a gift of two pound notes for war weapons, and when the savings organiser (aged 65) asked her if she could afford it, she replied: "Young man, I shall adjust my affairs accordingly."

DANCING RECITAL

Goncharoff Pupils Impress

The recital at the Helena May Institute yesterday given by pupils of the George Goncharoff School of the Dance was on a smaller scale than previous displays, many of our budding ballerinas having been evacuated to Australia, but it was more enjoyable, perhaps, because those responsible could devote greater care to fewer items and the programme was not cluttered up with inconsequential tidbits.

Peggy Scotcher, who scored a big success last year in "The Dying Swan," impressed again yesterday in "Poeme" to Fibich's music. Partnered by Hugh Goldie, she gave a delicate and intelligent dance on ballet lines that was proof of her skill as well as a tribute to Mr Goncharoff's direction.

Pat Pasco rendered an excellent Czardas and Mrs Ernest To was also good in a Chopin waltz. The tableau finale, "Fas de Qing," to Mischka Levitsky's music, featured Peggy Scotcher, Pat Pasco, Lara Tesar, Ann Mansfield and Hugh Goldie, and was a good round-off number, the routines and the costumes being quite impressive.

Others taking part were Claire van Wylick, Francoise Eveille, Ghilene and Janine Ubachs, Janet Perry, Irene Zindel, Priscilla Pang, Cecilia Chu, Marion Shiu, Barbara Tam, Patricia Tsang, Greta Lo, Rosemary To and June Summers—A.C.G.

Danish King Uses Papers For Warmth

King Christian showed his nation how to keep warm through a cold winter when coal is scarce.

According to an Associated Press report, when asked by a woman how he managed to take daily horseback rides even in the bitter cold, the Danish Sovereign replied:

"I put old newspapers inside the overcoat of my uniform. That way I keep warm."

SPARROW FIRES OWN NEST

A sparrow which carried a lighted cigarette end to its nest 40 feet from the ground, caused a fire in the branch of a tall pine tree in the Botanic gardens at Christchurch, New Zealand. The blaze was soon extinguished by the somewhat astonished curator of the gardens. It is not known how a bird of the size of a sparrow could manage to carry a burning cigarette so far.

OLAF'S PROPERTY SEIZED

All property belonging to Crown Prince Olaf and Crown Princess Martha of Norway has been removed by the Germans from their home at Skagnum, outside Oslo. The articles removed include silver given to the Crown Prince and Princess by the municipality of Oslo on the occasion of their wedding.

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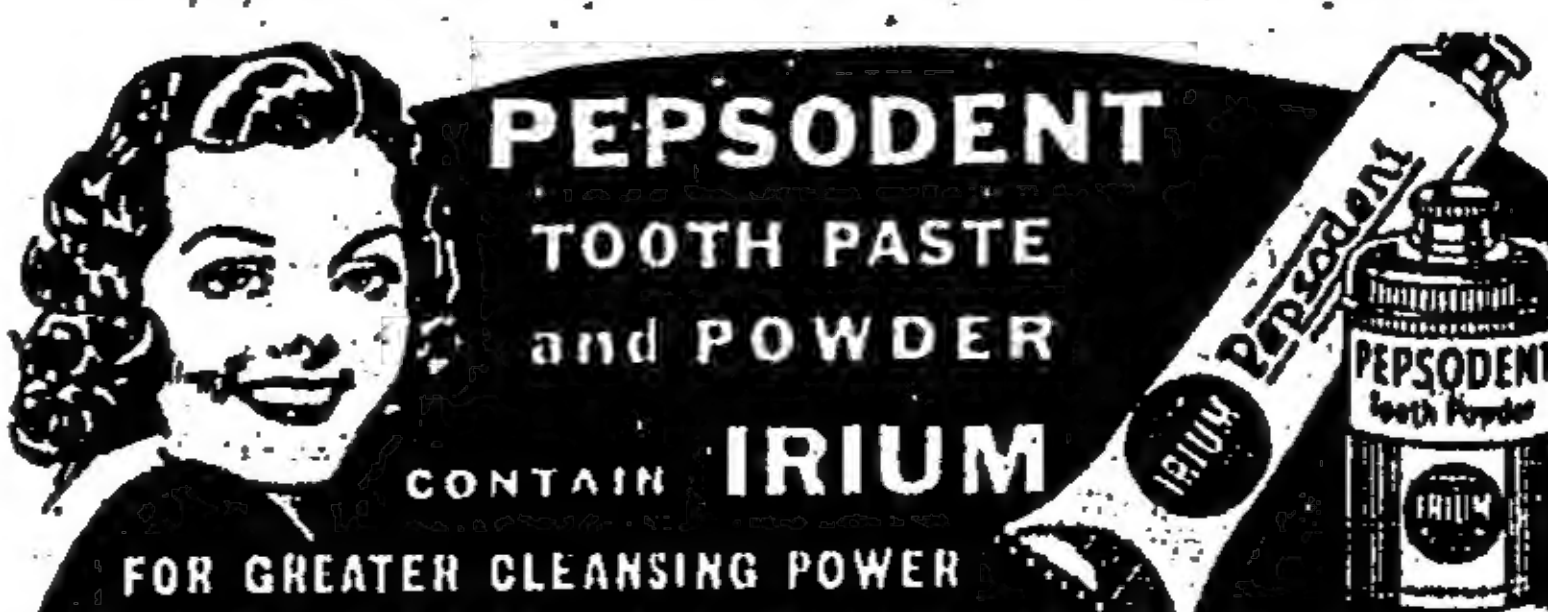
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Greek Government To Fight From Crete

FROM PAGE ONE

glorious pages of our military history, continued the struggle against the German offensive, with unheard-of heroism.

Army of The Epirus

"We still do not know the real reasons why the Army of the Epirus signed an armistice with the enemy without our knowledge and without the cognisance of the C.-in-C. and the Government. This signature in no way binds the free will of the nation, the King and the Government, which is manifested in the continuation of the struggle with all the forces remaining to us to safeguard our national interests.

"With this aim in view, we are compelled to go to Crete. We are leaving in order to be able freely, from free Greek territory, to continue the struggle against the invaders until final victory is achieved that shall repay us, fully for the nation's great sacrifices.

The King's proclamation concludes by urging the Greeks not to lose heart, remain faithful to the idea of one country, united, indivisible and free.

"Have courage and better days will return. Long live the nation."

Premier's Message

ATHENS, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—"Hold Fast" is the keynote of a message addressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Dr. Emmanouel Tsouderos, to the Greek nation.

The messages adds: "We shall emerge victors, glorified and bigger men. The military armistice signed with the Germans without any authorisation is a precipitate act which may be put down to fatigue and justified by six months of unequal but victorious struggle, and now the result of overwhelming pressure."

Dr. Tsouderos's message says: "In this tragic but great moment, when I am leaving for Crete with our heroic King—a worthy symbol of the great struggle that the nation is pursuing—I am truly proud of this political and national move which illustrates in the fullest manner possible the unconquerable soul of Greece and proclaims the firm determination of us all not to give in to the invader.

Base Aggression

"We are defending ourselves against an unjust aggression of unprecedented baseness. To save the cowardly partner that we had vanquished, an empire of 100,000,000 souls struck us in the back."

Dr. Tsouderos prophesies that Greece will emerge victorious, a glorified and greater nation from these trials. "Moreover, the moral strength of our country never in the past reached the heights attained today."

Will Rise Again

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (UP).—Athens Radio was heard broadcasting, "This war will finally be won," and cited the Greek press statements that Greece will rise again and none must lose courage. The station promised to be on the air again to-morrow.

tion. Of five principal operational types, we have reserves in scattered store houses of 100 per cent.

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Lull In Nazi Drive

FROM PAGE ONE

directed an armistice request to the commander of the Italian 11th army.

Lemnos Said Occupied

ISTANBUL, Apr. 23 (UP).—It was officially announced by Radio Ankara at 9 p.m. that the Germans had occupied Lemnos but the report has not yet been confirmed.

German Losses

ISTANBUL, Apr. 23 (UP).—Diplomatic quarters to-day claimed that 70,000 German troops have been killed and 200,000 wounded so far in the Greek campaign. Neutral diplomats, arriving from Rumania, state that Bucharest is overflowing with German wounded soldiers.

Long Audience

LONDON, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill had a long audience with King George at Buckingham Palace to-day. It is understood they reviewed the war situation, especially in the Balkans.

Nearing Athens

ROME, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—German troops advancing south of Lania are reported to be 60 miles from Athens according to a Sofia telegram to the "Giornale d'Italia."

The "Stefani" agency states that firing ceased to-night on the Epirus and Macedonian fronts in accordance with the terms of the armistice.

"LOVE AND XXX" BANNED

British sailors no longer may sign letters to their girl friends with the traditional "love and x x x." Regulations ban the crosses on the grounds they might be employed by spies for code messages.



THREAT TO BRITAIN—Radio picture received in New York from Berlin shows new German "vast-pocket" submarines, which are expected to take part in operations against British shipping.

Stolen Shanghai Dog Found In H.K., Returned To Owner

The smart work of officials of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals resulted recently in the rescue of a Scotch collie which had been stolen in Shanghai and brought to the Colony.

The dog has since been restored to its owner in Shanghai.

The collie, named "Rex," was reported by the Shanghai Society of the S.P.C.A. to have been stolen in Shanghai and brought to Hongkong. Local officials went to work and found the dog and had it returned by ship.

The Secretary of the Shanghai S.P.C.A., has written stating that on Easter Sunday the owner of "Rex," Mrs. R. Ferrajolo, accompanied by officials, took delivery of the dog. When the ship was going alongside the Roosevelt Terminal in Shanghai, Mrs. Ferrajolo heard "Rex" bark and recognised the dog. "Rex" recognised his mistress as soon as he spotted her and there was a happy reunion of dog and mistress.

LATE NEWS

Cleaned Windows 'On Spec'

Frederick Alfred Graydon, 35, of Oulton-crest, Barking, E., told a woman who found him in a Bayswater flat, "I'm a window cleaner on spec—I clean the windows and call for the money afterwards."

He was remanded at Marylebone Police Court recently accused of being in the flat for an unlawful purpose.

Canada Sends Parachutes

Parachutes are now being made in Canada at the rate of 500 per week. About 13,000 parachutes have been ordered for the air services since the declaration of war, and 4,800 have been delivered.



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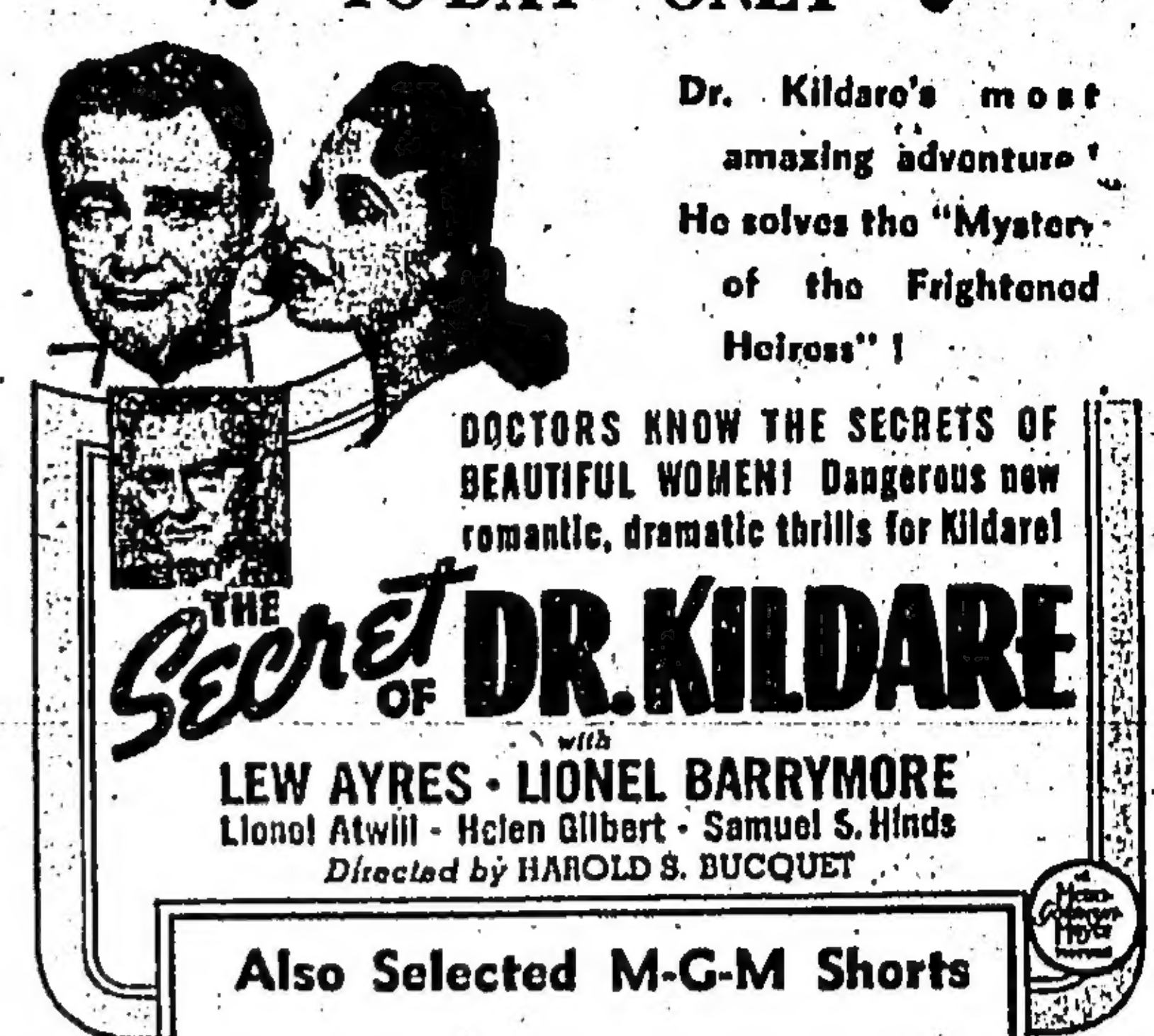
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LULL IN NAZI DRIVE: COURAGEOUS FIGHTING BY BRITISH SOLDIERS

(By "Reuter" With British Forces in Greece)

April 23.—A full-scale attack by the German hordes against the British Army in Greece in its new positions is expected to be launched at any moment.

The spirit among the British forces is superb and they continue to show great courage in harassing advanced German elements.

A British padre, who has just visited the wounded who are being evacuated from the frontal regions, said: "The men are all in good spirits although they fully realise that they are up against it."

While the British solidly face the full strength of the German army, awaiting the attack, they are being dive-bombed and machine-gunned from sunrise to sunset by the German air force.

SEVERE GERMAN LOSSES

Fighting Forces Compared

ANKARA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—German losses in Greece are extremely heavy, according to reports reaching here. Travellers from Bulgaria state that German troops in Sofia can hardly believe their eyes when they see the masses of wounded arriving.

The wildest estimates of German losses are current in Sofia, one putting the German killed at 60,000 and wounded at 250,000. These are hardly credible but they do serve to indicate that casualties have been severe beyond all German anticipation.

Nothing is known here about the reported German occupation of Lemnos and Samothrace but well-informed circles consider it likely that the Nazis will attempt to capture all Greek islands which, in conjunction with the Dodecanese, afford useful jumping-off bases for aircraft.

Turks Cool

Although the war is now approaching "Turkey's" rearmament as well as the land frontiers, the Turkish public remains cool and its spirit is summed up in the words of one leader of public opinion, who said to-day: "If attacked, we will fight to the last man; we have taken all precautions; let the aggressor remember that he will not take us by surprise."

Comparison of Forces (BY "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Apr. 23.—It was obvious that the British force in Greece was of limited strength when no attempt was made to hold the passes covering Salonika.

It is reckoned that the Germans used 25 divisions as well as four fully motorised divisions while the Italians had almost as many in Albania. The total Greek forces were much smaller and sheer weight of numbers was bound to tell in the Axis' favour.

It is learnt on good authority that both the British and Greek casualties have been comparatively small. The Germans claimed 80,000 prisoners in Western Thrace but authoritative Greek circles declare that the bulk of the Greek army in that area has been safely evacuated by sea.

One Greek force undoubtedly has been cut off in the Epirus and has capitulated. The remainder of the Greek Army is still fighting on the British left wing and there are grounds for hoping that they will continue even should the pass of Thermopylae be overwhelmed.

The isthmus leading to Morcia suggests an easily defensible position where, if adequate air protection is available, the battle could continue with ever-mounting costs to the Axis.

Two British soldiers escaped after being taken prisoner. On crossing the British lines, they spoke of the amazing audacity of the German troops. German tanks, they state, are not camouflaged but are painted black with a red Swastika.

Transport is not conveyed and masses of material, guns and tanks, all jumbled together, are poured along the lines of communications, making good bombing targets.

Lull Only Temporary

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—It is reliably stated that a temporary easing of German pressure in Greece has enabled the British to consolidate their new position, but the respite is not expected to last.

Remaining Greeks Firm

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The main Greek army on the British left flank is holding firm, it is stated here. It is pointed out that the Germans must now be experiencing difficulties in their communications since their lines of supply across great distances are limited and considerable damage has been done to them by both sides.

This probably accounts to some extent for the slight relaxation in the Germans' tempestuous push, which has enabled the British forces to carry out a successful withdrawal to a new line.

The easing off may also have been due, it is stated, to the heavy losses suffered by the Germans. One German division brought back to Rumania in the middle of April has lost 65 per cent. of its personnel and material, according to the reports of refugees.

Berlin Story

BERLIN, Apr. 23 (UP).—The defeat of the British rear guard at Thermopylae, according to informed German circles, was inflicted by mixed panzer and motorised infantry units which had smashed through the Olympus defences on the extreme German left flank, driven across the plain of Thessaly and reached Lamia yesterday.

The High Command said that the unconditional surrender of the Greek Epirus and Macedonia armies was concluded at Salonika. Local capital—TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Fast U.S. M. T. Bs For Britain

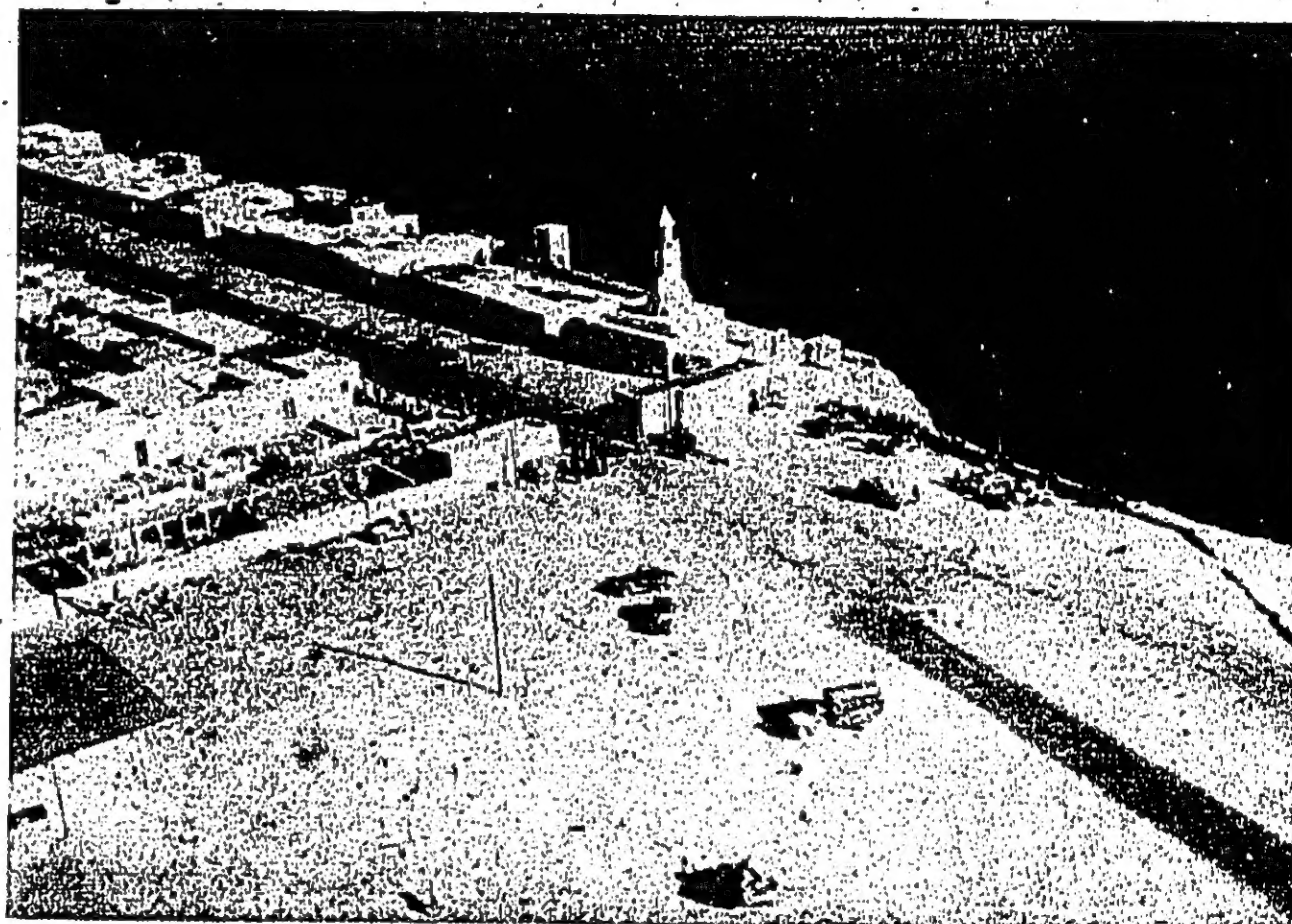
WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—About 20 fast torpedo boats are ready for delivery to Britain and are possibly on their way now, according to Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary for the Navy.

The boats are capable of doing over a mile a minute, he told a press conference, adding that they would be transported across the Atlantic. Colonel Knox also revealed that the United States is negotiating for construction in Canada of a number of warships, probably corvettes. He pointed out that any warships Canada built for the United States might be handed over to Britain under the Lend Lease System. A decision will be reached when the ships near completion.

Questioned in regard to American aid for Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic, Colonel Knox said that he understood that larger and faster freighters had been seeking independently to run the gauntlet of U-boats and bombers for some time.

Scene Of Daring British Raid

Here is the entrance to Bardia, scene of a daring raid by British forces this week during which military stores were destroyed and effective sabotage carried out. Latest reports state that the British have again taken the offensive in Libya.



British Building Up Huge Reserves Of U.S. Planes: Brighter Picture

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Nearly 1,000 assembled American and Canadian aircraft have already been delivered to the R.A.F. and only one aircraft was lost on the ferry service between America and Britain.

These and other arresting details of aircraft production were given by Lord Beaverbrook in the House of Lords to-day.

We now find American engines quite as good as any in the world, he said. Many American machines are in operational use—very many.

Lord Beaverbrook confessed that he had a thrill when the first Liberator recently arrived in Britain. It is a very big aeroplane, faster than the Stirling, and carries a fine bomb-load.

The British Admiralty in the last few days had received 95 aircraft by sea, 355 tons of aeroplane parts and 326 engines.

Convoy Losses

There has naturally been a drain on the shipment of aircraft by sea from America due to losses in convoy but our disappointment on this point is dissipated by the knowledge that the flow of aircraft from the United States is increasing rapidly.

The ferrying service is continuing and is likely to be developed and extended, and possibly we shall soon be able to fly some of our fighters by a route somewhat different from that taken by bombers.

Lord Beaverbrook disclosed that Sir Frederick Banting, the Canadian scientist, lost his life when a bomber destined for Britain landed in trees in Newfoundland and was destroyed.

Dealing with his policy of dispersal of manufacturing plants on a large scale, Lord Beaverbrook said that enemy bombings in which the Germans claimed to have inflicted immense losses in aircraft and aircraft capacity have turned out to be nothing at all because our plants had been out of the bombed area altogether.

Big Reserves

Rapidly as the R.A.F. is expanding, strengthened by a flow of pilots and crews from the Dominions, aircraft in storage show a satisfactory position—TURN to Back Page, Column 3

R.A.F. Fighters & A.A. Guns Score Heavily in N. Africa

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communique states that British fighter planes, although greatly outnumbered, shot down four enemy planes and damaged others over Tobruk last Tuesday. It is also confirmed that four unidentified enemy planes were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire in a raid over Tobruk last Saturday. R.A.F. planes on Tuesday also machine-gunned enemy infantry, resulting in heavy casualties.

In an early morning raid on Benghazi, bombs dropped on the two moles which were directly hit. One ship was directly hit and other shipping damaged.

In Greece, reconnaissance aircraft were actively engaged by British ground defences.

Successful Raids

South African Air Force fighters destroyed one Caproni plane over Debra-Markos and machine-gunned and destroyed three planes at Aohima.

Two planes are missing from all these operations.

A General Headquarters communique states that the Australians carried out two successful raids from Tobruk on the night of April 21-22 and captured 17 Italian officers and 430 other ranks. The Australian casualties were slight.

In Abyssinia in the Amba Alagi sector the northern column is making progress and the southern column continues to press back the enemy—TURN to Back Page, Column 4

MR EDEN ON IRAQ Aware Of Nazi Threat

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, declared that he was well aware of the potential menace to British interests and the independence of Iraq of any German infiltration into Iraq.

The Liberal Nationalist, Mr Morris Jones, asked whether Mr Eden would see that no Foreign Office hypersensitiveness was shown to German agents in Iraq and that they would be cleared out bag and baggage immediately.

Mr Eden replied that these epithets will have no place in any action Britain may take where she had the power and authority to take action.

British Prisoners Maltreated

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The charge that British officers in a prison camp in Germany were living in one cellar with no plumbing sanitation or daylight was made by a member of the House of Commons who asked what the Government could do about it.

The Financial Secretary of the War Office, Mr R. Law, stated that information was received about the unsatisfactory conditions in two German camps.

Everything was being done through the Power protecting British and there were no further means of bringing pressure on an unscrupulous foe.

RAJPUTANA TORPEDOED

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the armed merchant cruiser, Rajputana, has been torpedoed and sunk.

She was a sister ship of the Rawalpindi, which was sunk in a battle with the German pocket battleship Deutschland, in the North Atlantic early in the war.

Both the Rajputana and Rawalpindi were formerly P. and O. liners well-known in Hongkong.

Norwegian-Soviet Trade Treaty

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—A trade agreement has been reached between Norway and Russia, according to the Quelling Commisur for Commerce, Mr Chinesen.

The agreement, states the Norwegian agency, provides for an exchange of goods to the total value of 40,000,000 kroner. Norway will receive supplies of corn, cake meal, fuel oil and cotton in exchange for industrial products.

Serb Govt To Fight From Exile

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav King and Government have definitely aligned themselves with other governments who will continue their struggle against the Nazis from exile.

Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary told the House of Commons to-day that the Yugo-Slav Government is now established having given a formal assurance to Britain to stand faithfully behind the British Government as Allies and to continue thus until victory is won.

Britain, added Mr Eden, firmly intends to restore the independence of Yugo-Slavina and meanwhile will give the fullest possible measure of help.

Mayor La Guardia Wants More Aid For Britain

OTTAWA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—A call for further aid and material to be furnished to the nations of Europe was made in a speech by Mr Fiorello La Guardia, the Mayor of New York, at a St. George's Day luncheon to-day.

He declared that Canada and the United States were prepared to defend not only the coastline of North America but the seas for over 900 miles from the shore.

Referring to aid for Europe, he said that he was hopeful that more aid would be forthcoming as a result of the Hyde Park declaration issued by President Roosevelt and Mr W. L. Mackenzie King which announced the pooling of the defence resources of Canada and the United States to ensure the most effective aid to Britain.

Referring to the change in military technique, Mr La Guardia concluded: "The uniformed forces of the Army and Navy no matter how courageous cannot win a war any longer. Wars to-day are won by the people at home, people raising food in the fields and workers in factories producing weapons."

British Offensive In Libya

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (UP).—Well informed quarters to-day claim that the offensive in Libya has passed into British hands.

At Addis Ababa, preparations are proceeding for the return of the Negus.

Claiming that the Empire line in Greece is still unbroken, it is believed that enemy pressure is not as heavy as previously reported, but it is emphasised that hard fighting is going on.

Lord Chatfield & British Fleet St George's Day Broadcast

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—In a St. George's Day broadcast, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield said: "How great is the responsibility of the Fleet to-day! And how much greater than it should have been."

If only Britannia had not slept during those peace years but had rebuilt her navy sooner, many seamen's lives and many millions of tons of vital cargo would have been saved.

"In the past, a handful of British soldiers changed the history of the world. English seamen in small ships have driven great enemy fleets off the seas. Our foes have been surprised to find our young generation superior in fighting efficiency to the German and it is by this fight that this great generation of Englishmen will ever be remembered in history."

Lord Chatfield concluded: "What we have done before, we can do again. We shall win through."

Greek Government To Fight War From Crete

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—King George and the Greek Government have arrived in Crete, announces the Athens radio.

King George's Message
ATHENS, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—"The cruel destiny of war to-day compels us and the heir to the Throne, as well as the lawful government, to leave Athens and transfer the capital to Crete, whence we will be able to continue the struggle that the will of the entire nation and our duty to defend the country's independence and territorial integrity have laid upon us after the unprovoked attack we suffered from two empires," said

King George of the Hellenes in a message to the Greek people.

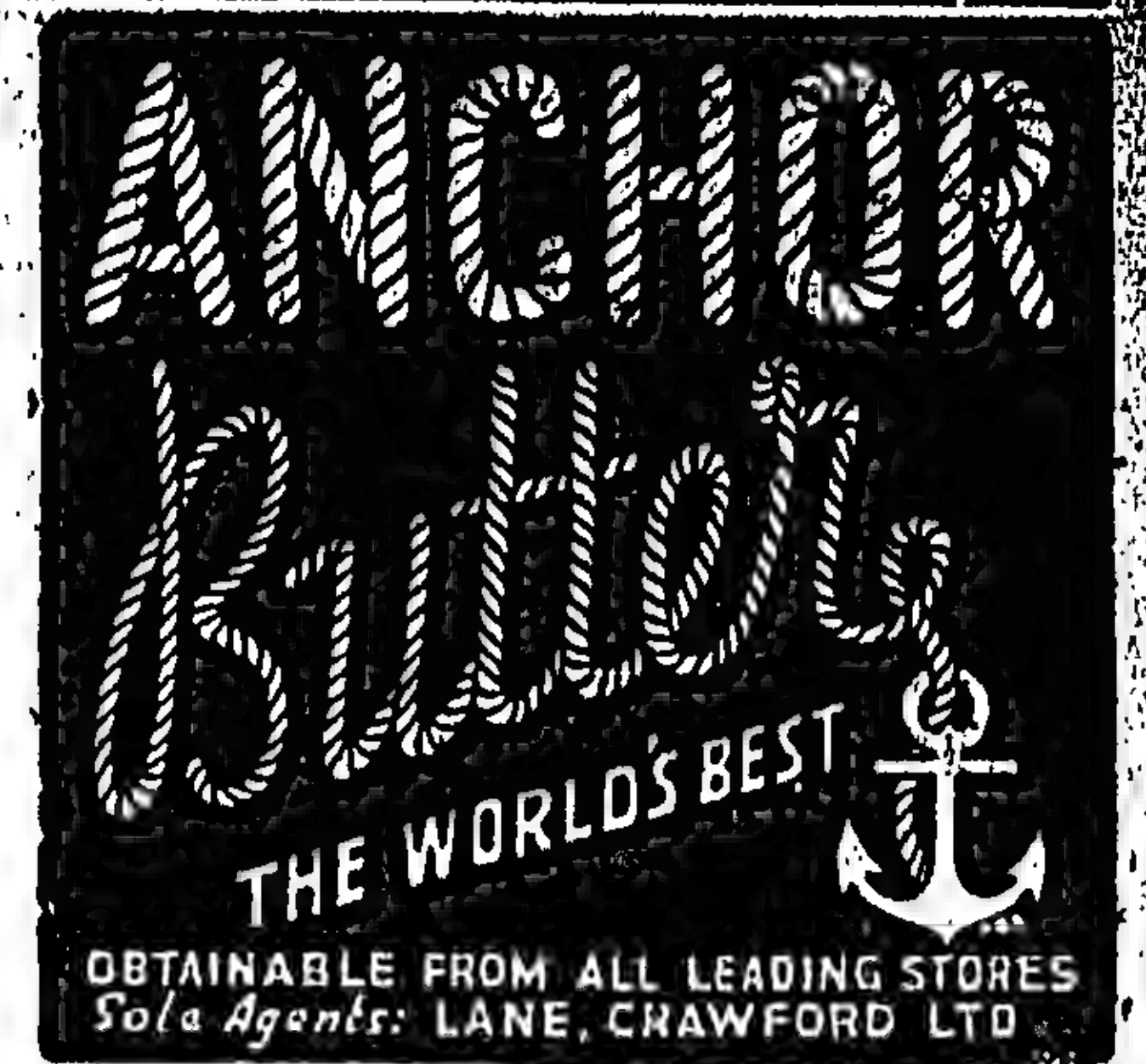
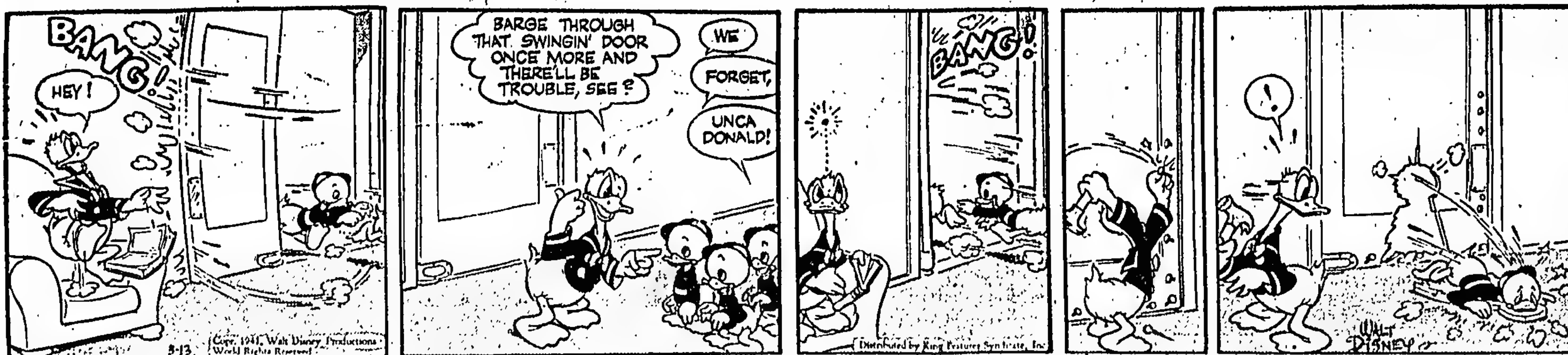
"Our will and that of the Greek Government and people, as already affirmed in manifold fashion, has called for resistance to the end by the Greek people who, despite the unequal nature of the struggle—particularly after the invasion—have opposed the enemy with the support of the British forces that came to our aid."—TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

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Further Late News

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"He says he simply can't get along on \$30 a month, sir!"

NEW WONDER PLANES for the R. A. F.

BEFORE very long the Germans are likely to feel the effect of Britain's new war planes—the Stirling, the Tornado, the Whirlwind, the Manchester and the Botha.

Just after the Queen Elizabeth had made her secret voyage to New York—and that is a long time ago—a friend told me that while driving just an aerodrome, with which Short Brothers were associated, he saw a strange four-motor machine standing on the ground.

It did not strike him as particularly big until his eyes suddenly focussed on a terrace of houses just behind it, "and," he said,

"It completely dwarfed the houses and nearly blotted them out of the landscape."

Since then the Queen Elizabeth has done a lot of useful work and so have Short Brothers.

THERE is a good story of the new Stirling bomber in its embryo stage.

A flying model, or "mock-up," as the aircraft trade calls it—to try out the controls and general proportions—was built severely, and everybody was almost on oath not to talk about it.

One day the small daughter of one of the senior technical staff came running in from school and announced excitedly: "Oh, Daddy, I was told at school that the little bomber is going to fly to-day. Can I go and see it?" Collapse of Daddy who had been as much as any other

By Charles G. Grey (Editor of "All the World's Aircraft")

Some of us know that one of them was the Botha. The other was not. It is still unmentionable and is a very nice aeroplane.

The Botha, I see, is officially called a General Reconnaissance machine and not a twin-motor fighter or a medium bomber.

Reconnaissance means just looking around. The crew of the Botha will have to look pretty sharp if they are going to recognise much as they go by.

NATURALLY, much interest is taken in the Hawker Tornado and its new Rolls-Royce Vulture motor. And, naturally, one cannot say anything definite about its performance. But look at it this way.

You and everybody know how good the Hawker Hurricane has been, and the Supermarine Spitfire, and what terrific fire-power they have had compared with their enemies. They have had Rolls-Royce Merlins of 1,000 h.p., boosted to perhaps 1,200 h.p.

We have been told, officially, that the Vulture gives 2,000—which, naturally, is a conservative statement.

THE Blackburn Botha made its first public appearance inognito, at an historic gathering of M.P.s and other privileged guests—and a lot of uninvited foreigners along the road outside—at Northolt Aerodrome a few weeks before the war.

We were shown all the existing Service types in action. Afterwards, two unnameable twin-motor monoplanes appeared from nowhere and shot across the aerodrome at astonishing speeds.

THE Portsmouth Lad, who never complains of anything, and for whom no toil is too prolonged or arduous, is muttering a little. In fact, he is not well.

The lurid glow of a cigarette has been visible from his bed since five in the morning. He has been shaved and dressed since six-fifteen.

His "Swabbing Job"—that is, his allotted portion of hut-cleaning—has taken him a quarter of an hour: ten minutes too long.

Now he sits listlessly, and says—

"Well! I don't know what to make of it."

"Make of what?" asks the Old Sweat.

"This," replies the Portsmouth Lad, and holds up a forefinger. It has changed overnight: it looks like a cucumber. "It's funny, but it sort of throbs."

"Blood-poisoning," cries the Old Sweat, with relish. A dozen soldiers crowd round, uttering admiring comments.

"Wicklow," says the Lad from the Elephant.

"That'll have to come off," says the Kid from Widnes.

"As long as it's not the trigger-finger," says the Good Boy from Godalming.

"Go sleek," says the Old Sweat. "Tell the Orderly Sergeant to put you on the Sick Report. See the M.O. 'E'll fix it."

"I could tell him about me stomach at the same time," says the Portsmouth Lad. He brightens. "And me teeth."

The Orderly Sergeant takes down his name, age, religion, period of service, number, company, and other

Another extract from "Private Life of a Private," the diary of a journalist turned soldier.

details; urges him darkly to be on Sick Parade at 9.15, and not a second later; and goes out, gloomily carrying his book.

The Portsmouth Lad, somewhat thrilled, goes to join the procession of sore heels, mysterious thumbs, unhealed of pains, cracked bones, imaginary lumbagos, severe colds, mild depressions, gritty eyes and fallen arches—the gently melancholy Sick Parade.

He returns an hour or so later, proudly exhibiting his finger bandaged to the size of a swiss roll, and smiling all over his amiable face. Everybody instantly asks: "What did you get?"

"M and D," says Portsmouth, still beaming. "But we had a nice long chat. What a nice man that M.O. is! A Jock. All doctors are Jocks."

"This finger's nothing. He lanced it. He told me to rest it if I could. Then I told him about me stomach."

"He said 'What's the matter with it?' So I told him I didn't think I was digesting me food right. So he said 'Where do you feel the pain?'"

"Well?" asks the Kid from Widnes, who has a henwife's appetite for pathological conditions. "And where was the pain?"

"I told him," says Portsmouth. "that I didn't have no pain." Not

what might be called a pain kind of style. But I couldn't be digesting me food properly, because of me teeth.

"Then 'this here nice Jock doctor says 'Well, what's wrong with your teeth?' And I say 'Nothing. I had 'em seen to when first I come. They took out the bad 'uns and left me the good 'uns."

"So I'm twelve teeth shy," I says, and I sort of can't chew me food right kind of style."

"Anything else?" says the Jock doctor.

"Why, no, not that I can think of just at the moment," I tells him. So he tells me to go to the dental place about me teeth."

"I goes," continues Portsmouth, "and I says: 'I'm twelve teeth shy.' I says, 'and please, sir, will you do something?'"

"So the dental man looks at me teeth and says, 'They're as right as rain. It may spoil your beauty a bit to front, but nothing more than that.'"

"But," I tells him, "what about chewing me grub?"

"He tells me straight: 'The Army deicides,' he says, 'that you have sufficient teeth to eat with. Therefore, you are chewing your food,' he tells me, 'and if you're not, then you jolly well ought to be.'"

"So I comes back."

"And it's a load off me mind. I don't mind telling you that I was beginning to be worried about them teeth, 'cause I sort of have to lie down on me side to get me back teeth to bear on the meat at dinner."

"But as long as I got the proper ones to chew with, Gord bless me, I'm satisfied."

The Lad from the Elephant, with a calculating look, has cornered the Orderly Sergeant.

"I dunno if I ought to go sick," he says. "Me nose is kind of runnin'."

"Ruddywell chase it," says the Orderly Sergeant.

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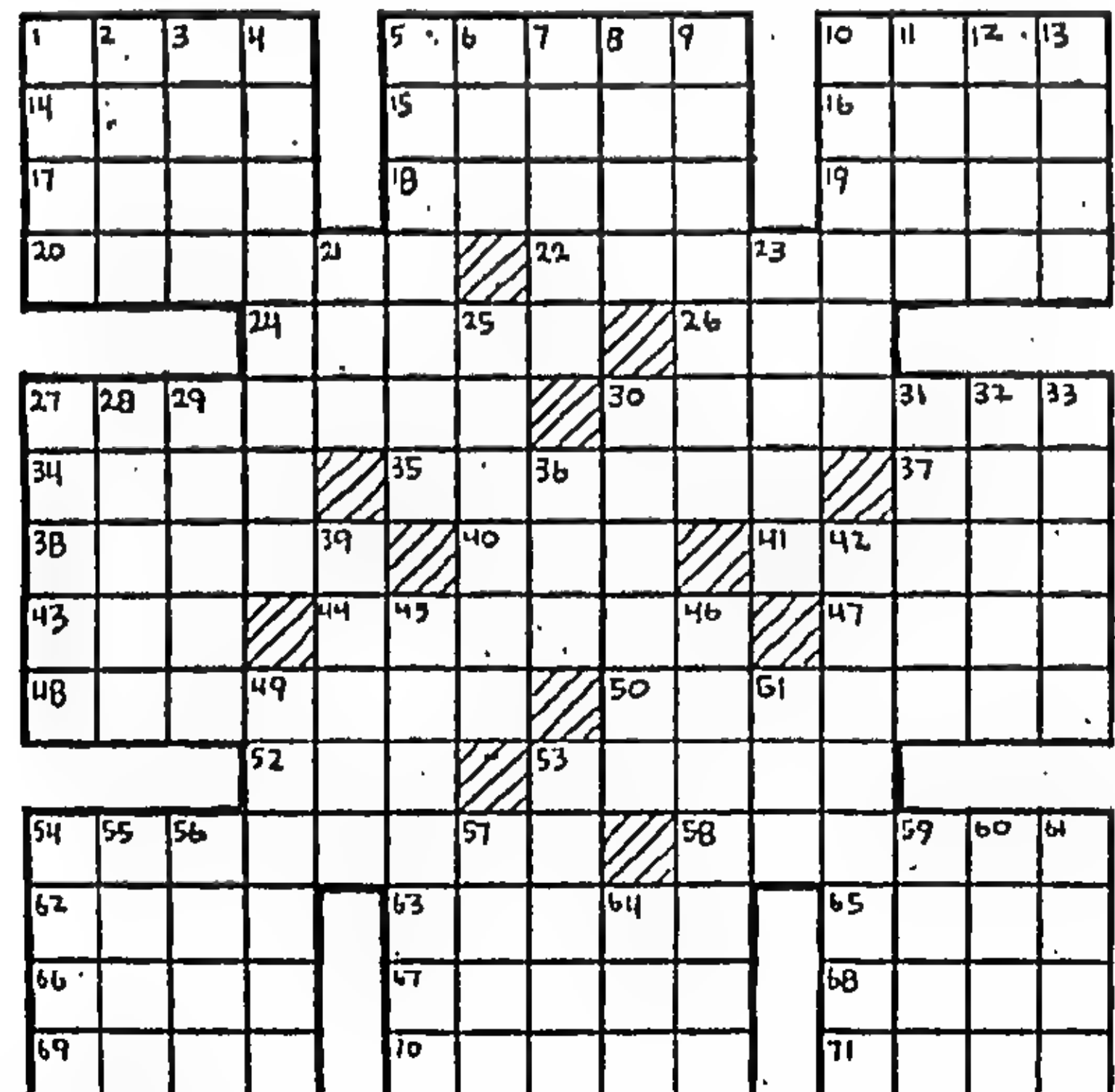
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ACROSS

- Part of leg
- Emblem of Indian
- Complete
- Mohammedan name
- Amphitheater
- Loose
- Human geographer
- Religious fast period
- Burial
- Jump
- Went around
- Eat dinner
- Live metal
- Takes offense at
- Puzzle
- At any time
- Walked
- Push
- Comptroller
- Pipe
- Finer
- His home
- Having nerves
- Boiled rolled dough
- IP
- Furnish
- Overest
- Tender
- Military cap
- Awful
- Correct
- Critic language
- Older man

DOWN

- Outdoor home
- Cain's brother
- Girl's nickname
- Part of Belgium
- Special skills
- Metall-bearing rock
- Blue training
- Crafted (heraldic)
- Direct-like
- Followed
- Approach
- Full
- Hurried
- Alcoholic drink
- Command
- Property
- Single again with crew
- Avoid
- Spanish title
- Chewing animal
- Smell
- Swamp
- Edge
- Diode
- Swamp
- Man & law
- Curried
- Speaker
- Winners (col.)
- Diversified
- Open
- Small ornaments
- Placed obliquely
- After
- Part of church
- Part of shoe
- Flat cloth
- Entire
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- Arrange



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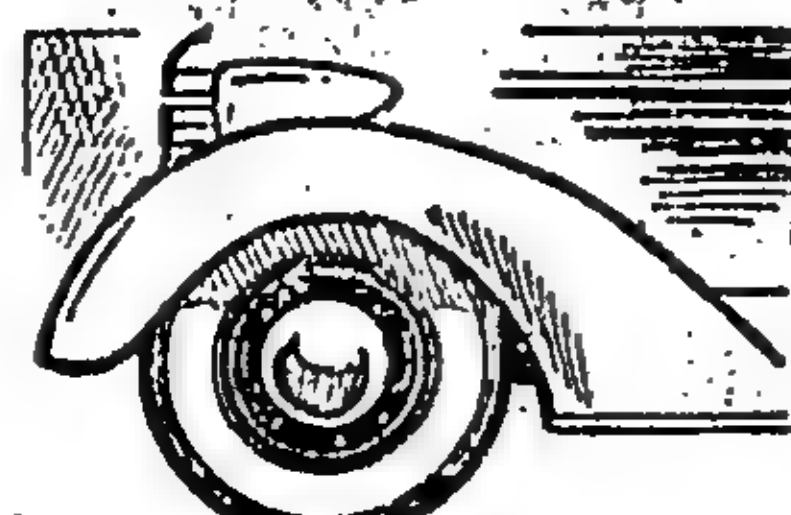


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JAPAN'S OPPORTUNITY

WHILE the Allied forces are being pressed back in the Balkans no excuse is needed for returning to the Far Eastern front to discover possible pro-democratic and pro-axis developments during this fateful year. Spain and French North Africa represent the western flank of the Empire's world-wide war set-up; the Far East is the opposite flank. To keep these strategic positions passive is as important just now as winning a war in the centre, that is, in the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

Overmuch importance need not be given to the Japanese successes at Ningpo and Foochow; the astounding thing is that these ports have been allowed to serve the Chinese so well for so long. Like a new broom the recently-appointed Commanders-in-Chief in China, General Hata and Admiral Shimada, have aspired to infuse life into the decaying expeditionary forces. Their achievements from Kwonghoi in the south to Foochow in the north have been little more than manoeuvres to blood fresh troops.

In Tokyo most voices have been harmonised recently to one key: finish off the China Incident first. The fact that this sentiment has not been backed up by reinforcements seems to confirm a growing impression that Japan is willing to seek a political solution, meanwhile keeping the military threat to the fore by savage slashes into the weak but resilient line of the Chinese armies and foraging expeditions into unexploited territory.

If a suitable intermediary can be found peace can be restored to Asia before the invaders and the invaded get inextricably caught up in the turmoil of the European octopus. Britain does not want an extension of the conflict in which she is engaged. The Chinese cannot hope to win back every inch of their territory by arms; North China they must regain by the assimilative powers that have consigned previous conquerors to oblivion. They have a right to demand a gradual but complete

WHY I SUPPORT THE WAR

DOWN to and including the time of Munich, I supported the policy of conciliation. In this I was in agreement with the majority of my countrymen.

I went further than the majority in believing that war should, at this moment in history, be avoided, however great the provocation. I changed later through the influences of the same events that changed Chamberlain, Lord Lothian, Lord Halifax, and most of the previous advocates of peace. In view of what has happened since, it would seem that it might have been better for the world if Germany had been opposed at an earlier stage; but I still think that the arguments for the policy of conciliation were very strong. These arguments, as I saw them, were three.

First Germany had been treated with abominable injustice at Versailles and afterwards; what the Nazis demanded was no more than Germany had a right to claim—equality with other nations, and union under the German flag of all populations that so desired.

satisfied as soon as all Germans were in the Reich.

Second: It was expected by all the experts that a new great war, if it occurred, would be far more horrible than the last.

So far . . . the war, dreadful as it is, has not been as bad as was feared. This may cease to be true at any moment if a large-scale attempt at invasion is made; perhaps the horror has been only postponed to the moment that best suited Hitler's plans.

But in the case of aerial attacks on Great Britain, it seems clear that he has done his utmost; and this has been enormously less destructive than had been predicted in the most authoritative prognostications, the reason being, apparently, that defence against aerial attacks has made very great progress during the last few years.

On the other hand, the fate of subject populations, more particularly in Poland, has been a good deal worse than had seemed probable.

On both these grounds the arguments for armed resistance to German ambitions have been shown to be stronger than they appeared to be before the war began.

Third: I feared that, if once there was war, the issue, whatever was nominally victorious, would be military dictatorship. It was obvious that, for the duration of the war, every beligerent Government would need



By Bertrand Russell

Lord Russell, distinguished philosopher and writer, one time pacifist, who now lives in the United States, has expressed these views in a letter to the "New York Times."

dictatorial powers, and it was still refused to state—will far from certain that, if the probably be found, if we win, to previously democratic nations have contained an element of won, they would re-establish democracy when peace had been concluded.

There came a moment—some I will say one moment, some other—when it became evident that Germany would destroy the independence of the democracies one by one if they did not combine in armed defence. From that moment the only hope for democracy was war.

Before the war began it might have seemed preposterous to suppose that Hitler could aim at world domination. Now it seems probable that he does so, and his success is sufficiently possible to call for the utmost vigour in resistance.

I know that the war, even if it ends in victory, involves very grave dangers to democracy and freedom. I fear also that British war aims—which Mr Churchill

It is a tragic alternative, but it must be met with such hope as the times permit and with a determination that in winning the war we shall not lose what we are fighting for.

There is one hope that is important, and I think, not Utopian, and I think, not Utopian.

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941 and all that

by William Barkley

TURN the scroll of history, and pin-point it at the year 941.

ITALY. Sicily is occupied by the Saracens, Southern Italy by the Greeks; the rest governed by myriad dukes, marquises, counts, many of them descendants of barbarian hordes who destroyed city walls. Now the rival lords, fearing one another, are arming their vassals and founding hundreds of city States.

German bandit dukes descend on them. But they are overwhelmed by the biggest German of all, mightiest man in Europe, Otto the First, King of Germany, soon to be crowned by the Pope in Rome as King of Italy too.

The Greeks advance and ravage Benevento. The Germans defeat them, cutting off the right hands, ears and noses of Greek prisoners. Otto brings galleys with him, establishing colonies of Germans in every Italian city to counterpoise the locals, who are now pillaged by Germans instead of Norse, Huns and Saracens.

Luna, a town between Pisa and Genoa, remembers the Baltic pirate Hastings, who, pillaging the coasts of France and Spain, was refused a landing. Hastings "died." There was lamentation in his ships. His "corpse," brought ashore for Christian burial, sprang to life. He massacred bishop, clergy and soldiers; then cursed his luck. He thought he had captured Rome, but it was Luna. GERMANY. Every duke and earl in turn has rebelled against King Otto, but he has mastered

withdrawal of Japanese garrisons elsewhere. An armistice period of say eighteen months would suffice for trade treaties and the status of treaty ports to be settled and Chinese authority reasserted firmly but without recrimination. With the additional assurance to other Powers that further expansion in Asia would be economic and not military, Japan could help to open the vista of peace and prosperity to which she and other nations in the Far East are entitled.

"If we (in the United States) keep quiet we may see a world of the vintage of ten centuries ago"

(Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State)



them. The Huns descended on him at Augsburg, aided by rebel Conrad who, raising his helmet to breathe in the heat of the battle, was killed by an arrow in his throat. The Huns were hunted like wild beasts, and they and the rebels, when caught, were burned alive in quicklime.

Slavs ravaged Prussia, Huns and Tartars pillaged Bavaria, Norse laid waste the Rhine.

FRANCE. Saracens hold the south, Norse the north, Germans the west. In what is left of France warring barons fight, murder and massacre.

The Norse desperadoes still joke of Rollo, who, becoming a French duke, had to do homage to French King Charles by kissing his foot. Rollo refused, but ordered one of his men to act for him. The soldier, as proud as his chief, lifted the king's foot and tipped the King of France from his throne amid the horse-laughter of Rollo.

SPAIN. Two kingdoms, Leon and Castile, are held by the Saracens with Spanish dukes and people in constant revolt

thing escapes that fire and sword can destroy. But the Greek fleet and the "Roman" army destroy Igor's force, and he takes not one-third of his men back to Russia.

POLAND. Here is a haven of peace. Mieczyslaw, first Christian Duke of Poland, has abolished paganism and established his mild rule without bloodshed. His father was of a peaceful disposition, too, and it is said to this period in Poland. "For this honourable reason his reign furnishes no materials for history."

CHINA. Here, too, was peace. They are playing with a new toy invented by one Fung-liao.

This man had cut figures in reverse in wood, pressed them on ink and stamped them on paper. That was printing, and soon literary examinations are being held for entry into the Chinese Imperial civil service. They are just starting a new fashion of binding the feet of female infants.

ENGLAND. Last year (940) King Athelstan died. He was crowned, in Kingston-on-Thames market place, king of an area not much bigger than the home counties. He first had the idea of a United Kingdom of Great Britain. A Dane rules from Tees to Firth. He dies; Athelstan takes his title.

The Dane's son Olaf raises an army in Ireland and lands at the Humber from 730 ships. Olaf poses as a minstrel, wanders through the English camp, marks Athelstan's quarters. Athelstan moves and his quarters are taken by the Bishop of Selborne, who with his squire is murdered in a night foray by Olaf.

Somewhere perhaps in that English camp are the ancestors of Mr. Cordell Hull whose New World is not to be discovered for just five centuries and one year.

No man in 941 could have fixed this pin-point of knowledge set down here. Men could not then see beyond their noses because they lacked books in these bloody, turbulent times.

Printing is our spy-glass which they did not possess. Looking back in the year 1780, Gibbon wrote: "The experiences of 4,000 years should enlarge our hopes and diminish our apprehensions. The arts can never be lost. Every age of the world has increased and still increases the real wealth, the happiness, the knowledge and perhaps the virtue of the human race."

A few years later the French Revolution knocked Gibbon's settled world to pieces, giving birth to that new ordered freedom which we in our day now defend.

VIVID STORY OF BRITISH FLEET AND AIR ACTION IN NORTH AFRICA

(By "Reuter" With Mediterranean Fleet)

ABOARD FLAGSHIP OF BATTLE FLEET, Apr. 23.—For 50 minutes, I watched battleships and light units of the Mediterranean Fleet plaster Italy's main North African port of Tripoli with 553 tons of shells.

The bombardment which began shortly after dawn on Monday was the heaviest of the war. The results so far confirmed from air observation include hits on destroyer berths with one destroyer badly damaged, five merchant ships burned out or sunk, and at least four others hit and set on fire.

The Spanish gun, which was one of the principal objects of the bombardment, received two 15-inch salvoes with two further probable direct hits from 15-inch guns.

This was followed by ten minutes of continuous hits from lighter armaments, resulting in the destruction of warehouses and offices.

Further damage was done to a power station, railway station and army stores depot while a large building, thought to be the army headquarters, was seen to collapse.

Finally a large fire blazed following hits on an oil fuel depot.

Fleet Air Arm

Apart from these successes, pilots of the Fleet Air Arm also scored heavily during the five days that we had been at sea. They shot down two shadowing planes and four large German troop transports and forced down into the sea and badly damaged a large Dornier flying boat.

During the operations, we lost only one fighter. Otherwise there were no damage or casualties.

The operation for which we went to sea ostensibly was to cover certain convoys which were seriously endangered. It was not until the third day at sea that the Commander of this ship announced his intention to bombard Tripoli early the following morning.

Our first two days at sea were entirely uneventful. We were joined by other units of the Fleet which a few days previously had carried out a bombardment of the Cirenaican coast and sunk five merchant ships with their escort of three destroyers in the Central Mediterranean.

New Type Shot Down

On the morning of the third day, the Fleet Air Arm had its first success when one of Italy's newest types of planes was shot down. The same afternoon, a formation of three large slow-moving planes, presumably en route to Benghazi from Sicily, was sighted astern. British fighters immediately gave chase, whereupon two more enemy planes were sighted. All proved to be Junkers 52s—large triple-engine transport-carrying planes.

The combat was too distant for me to watch but I learned afterwards that the fighters shot down four of the planes before running out of ammunition. It was in this fight that one of our fighters was lost.

Submarine Reported

Towards dusk that day, a submarine was reported in the neighbourhood and British destroyers dropped depth charges for over an hour but no effects were observed.

Meanwhile preparations had been made for the next day's bombardment. Decks were cleared of all unnecessary gear. Pictures, shelves, book-cases and doors were all stripped of the ward-room.

So far, we had been extremely lucky and had not received any air attacks. When darkness fell, the enemy was apparently still entirely unaware of our intentions. At midnight, we altered our course, joining full speed ahead for Tripoli.

Air Attack On Tripoli

While still two hours distance from Tripoli, we could see violent anti-aircraft fire and flaming anti-aircrafters. The Fleet Air Arm had already begun their attack, engaging the port's defences while we took up position for the bombardment.

We also passed a fully illuminated hospital ship about ten miles from Tripoli, but it is very unlikely that she saw the blacked-out battle fleet as the moon had not yet risen.

Although the raid carried out by the British planes had failed to start any big fires, the large number of green, blue, yellow and white flaming shells sent up by the Tripoli defences provided an ample guide as we approached. For half an hour, I watched the intense burning against our aircraft as we gradually crept near the shore.

Solitary Searchlight

A solitary Italian searchlight tried to pick out the encircling aircraft which continuously dropped bombs and flares.

Half an hour before the naval bombardment was due to begin, I left the flight deck from which I was watching the progress of the raid and climbed into the after 15-inch control tower which was my action station.

It was a most eerie watch in this small circular control tower, situated immediately above the 15-inch after gun turrets. The only light came from the instrument panels and the glare from the slowly dropping flares through the narrow observation slits.

Wearing white helmets and long white gauntlets, we waited for the zero hour, 5 a.m. The sea was dead calm. The slowly moving ships sent out long ripples as they took up their positions, preceded by destroyers.

The last quarter moon appeared just over the horizon dead astern. The night was brightly starlit. Visibility ahead had been good as we approached within 11,000 yards of the shore, but owing to the preliminary bombing, the raid had thrown up clouds of dust and smoke.

First Salvo

It was, nevertheless, possible to pick out a large two-funnel ship lying in the harbour before our first salvo crashed into the town, sending up large volumes of dust. That was the signal for all ships to open fire.

We hardly seemed to move as we drifted past the target, firing on almost the same bearing for 25 minutes.

Throughout this period, no opposition was encountered. All efforts of the defenders appeared to be centred on shooting down the numerous flares which the British planes were dropping in batches of 12, lighting up the town.

An unceasing stream of multi-coloured flaring shells rose from the smoke-smothered town. They looked like broken necklaces, leaving strange patterns in the sky as they floated up in a gigantic firework display.

Soon not only the whole coastline but also the dim forms of ships astern were completely blotted out by a pall of smoke, but the British gunners had their range.

Shore Batteries Open

After 25 minutes, we altered course and swung our guns to starboard. Not till then did the enemy shore batteries open fire on us. All our ships continued firing for a further 25 minutes until 5.50.

Flashes were now visible from two shore batteries and there was an unpleasant sound of shells whistling overhead.

As the bombardment progressed, spotting became more difficult and we did not learn the full results until late that afternoon. My last impression of Tripoli as we drew away was a solid blanket of smoke and sand. Flumes and dense columns of smoke were rising into the sky as an oil fuel depot blazed furiously.

Seven-Mile Range

Our firing range was about seven miles and one ship alone fired over 150 tons of shells into the port.

With less than two hours in which to withdraw from the Tripoli coast, we prepared for a most unpleasant day. We did not expect to sit down for a midday meal and the ships' cooks had been busy the previous evening, preparing Cornish pastries for picnic luncheon, but the immediate retaliation that we expected did not materialise.

We sighted an enemy seaplane, which our fighters promptly destroyed, and a large Dornier flying boat which was forced down on the sea and took off again, only to be forced back into the sea badly damaged.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, as we were hastening towards our base, three Junkers 88s came over but before they reached gun range, our fighters had intercepted them. One was shot down and the port engine of a second was set on fire.

NAZI BARON

Aviator Jumps Bail In America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (UP).—The State Department revealed today, following an investigation, that Baron Franz von Werra has taken flight to Peru.

Unofficial circles speculated on whether or not this would result in a request for the withdrawal of one or more German officials in the United States who are involved in von Werra's bond jumping.

Attorney General Robert Jackson has ordered the border guards to turn back any escaping war prisoners who may be attempting to enter the United States from Canada "with whatever force necessary" as a result of the "flagrant abuse of American neutrality" by von Werra.

He escaped from a Canadian prison train but was placed in custody in the United States where he was being held pending deportation proceedings.

The German Consul General posted a \$10,000 bond. Von Werra fled from the United States about April 4.

Troops For Manila

MANILA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The United States troop transports, Marirosa and Washington, are expected to arrive in Manila, the first about May 5 and the second later.

Both are bringing large detachments.

Axis Forbids Reports On Leaders Movements

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 23 (UP).—An official German-Italian joint announcement was sent to the foreign correspondents today stating that henceforth the foreign press in Berlin and Rome would be prohibited from sending any reports, unless officially announced or released in press conferences, regarding trips or meetings between Hitler and Mussolini or Ribbentrop and Ciano or high military officials of both countries, or meetings between any of the foregoing with representatives of a third Power.

New Raid On Nazi Battleships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that two attacks were made on Drest last night when the German battle cruisers Scheerhorst and Goebenau are taking shelter.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai	400
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	48
T.T. Batavia	45
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	102
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	102 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	24 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	—

MATSUOKA NOT ASKED TO LONDON

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, did not receive an invitation from the British Government to visit the United Kingdom during his visit to Europe, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, at question time in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Eden added that the House had no doubt seen Mr. Matsuoka's statement to the press about the purpose of his visit to Europe.

Ambassador's Job

Commander Bowyer, Mr. Eden said, was satisfied that Mr. Matsuoka is obtaining enough and not too much information about our war effort through the medium of the Japanese Ambassador.

Mr. Eden: I cannot answer for the exercise of the ambassadorial functions of other states. I feel sure that the Japanese Ambassador does his task.

Red Cross Ship Attacked

HAIFA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—A British hospital ship carrying wounded German and Italian prisoners arrived here today. It is reported that the vessel was seen to be deliberately dive-bombed by five Nazi planes while embarking both enemy and British wounded at a Libyan harbour.

Captured German airmen said that they had been ordered to attack anything and everything they found. All five dive-bombers were shot down by the harbour defences.

Nazis In Cuba

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—A Nazi spy organisation has been discovered in Cuba and a number of people arrested, including a man said to be officer in the German Army, according to a report reaching here.

ITALIAN TERMS OF SURRENDER

Greeks To Become Prisoners

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The agreement on the capitulation of the Greek forces in the Epirus and Macedonia, issued to-night by the Italian High Command, reads:

(1) The High Command of the Italian forces and armies in Albania and the High Command of the German troops in Greece accept the unconditional surrender of the Greek forces.

(2) Troops belonging to the Greek Army of the Epirus and Macedonia are prisoners of war. In view of the valour displayed by the Greek troops on the battlefield and the fact that they safeguarded their military honour, Greek Officers shall keep their swords and equipment.

Return of Prisoners

All Italian prisoners of war in the territory of the Greek Army of the Epirus and Macedonia must immediately return to the Italian troops. Greek prisoners will meanwhile be assembled in concentration camps. After the conclusion of military operations in continental Greece and the Ionian Islands, the question will be considered of releasing all officers and men.

(3) The Greek High Command shall arrange for Greek detachments to remain under their officers and shall take early measures to carry out their capitulation. Supplies and services for Greek prisoners shall for the start be maintained by the Greek High Command.

Spoils of War

(4) The arms and all war material and reserves of the Armies of the Epirus and Macedonia, including aviation material, shall constitute spoils of war.

(5) The High Command of the Greek troops shall employ all means immediately to bring hostilities to an end and prevent all damage and destruction of war material and supplies and see that the roads in its territory are repaired without delay.

Signed Near Salonika

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The armistice between Axis troops and Greek forces, which surrendered, came into force at 6 o'clock this afternoon, states the German news agency. The armistice was signed near Salonika.

Main Greek Army Remains Intact

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—It is believed here that the surrender of the Epirus Army does not affect the main Greek force.

Italian Statement

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The official Italian news agency says that the surrendered forces number between 16 and 18 divisions—the greater part of the Greek army.

Albanian Frontier Forces

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Authentic figures of the extent of the Greek capitulation are not yet forthcoming.

The military commentator of the official Vichy French news service says that 100,000 Greeks have surrendered, including the crack troops engaged on the Albanian frontier since December. He claims that this accounts for the greater part of General Papagos's forces and leaves only a few Greek units in the line co-operating with the British forces.

The commentator thinks that the surrender lays open an area bounded by the Pinus Mountains and the Gulf of Patras on the Ionian Sea.

Confidence In Wavell Remains

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).

A categorical assurance that, despite any rumours to the contrary, General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, enjoys the full confidence of the Government and has suffered no curtailment whatever of his powers of direction in the Middle East and the Balkans, was made by Lord Moyne in the House of Lords today.

The rumour in question was mentioned by Lord Elibank, who said that it arose from General Sir John Dill's recent visit to the Middle East.

Lord Moyne, in reply, pointed out that General Dill's visit was in accordance with normal practice, under which personal contact between the highest military authorities at home and in the field is consistently maintained.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Caution Main Feature

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange today was very cautious. Apart from a little lowering of gilt-edged prices, changes were few and business was idle.

Industrials ruled fairly steady while oils and home rails also were about unchanged. Among the Kafirs, non-producers were occasionally offered.

Spanish 4 per cent. bonds declined from 42 to 38 1/2. Japanese and Greek were also dull but Egyptian holdings were higher.

Wall Street was dull.

SAVED FROM SEA

FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Twenty-one survivors from the British steamer Aurilla, sunk by enemy action, landed here in a lifeboat which was towed to port by Portuguese fishermen. Search for a second lifeboat is proceeding.

CHINESE NEW ENVOYS POSTED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 23 (Central News).—It is officially stated that Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France, and Dr. Wei Tuo-ming, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, have been slated Chinese Ambassadors to Britain and France respectively.

Dr. Koo was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Acting Premier 1922-4, Minister of Finance and then Minister of Foreign Affairs and Premier 1926-7, Minister for Foreign Affairs, December, 1931, Chinese Assessor to the Lytton Commission of Inquiry, January-September, 1932, and has been Minister and then Ambassador to France since October, 1932.

Dr. Wei Tuo-ming was Minister of Justice, 1928-9, and Mayor of Nanking, April, 1930 to December, 1931. Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Foreign Minister-Designate, is expected to arrive in Chungking toward the latter part of May when he will assume his new post.

Bomb Expert Blinded

Hopes To Resume Work

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—One of Lord Beaverbrook's "Back Room Boys"—the trio who in virtual obscurity devised the R.A.F.'s implements of aggression—has been blinded, temporarily it is hoped.

This disclosure was made in the course of Lord Beaverbrook's statement in the House of Lords today, reviewing the R.A.F. expansion. He is Air Commodore Huskinson, whom Lord Beaverbrook in a broadcast on March 23, described as the designer of "big bombs, fat bombs, thin bombs and beautiful bombs."

Left Shelter

During the fierce blitz against London on April 10, Air Commodore Huskinson left his shelter and stood watching the effects of bomb explosions. Unhappily, said Lord Beaverbrook, an explosion resulted in the loss of his sight, but "I am glad to say that there is some prospect of his sight being restored shortly, and we are anxiously awaiting his return to the Ministry."

French Wheat Crops Increase

Cattle Feed Shortage

VICHY, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—An increase in wheat crops both in Occupied and Unoccupied France, from 7,800,000 acres in 1940 to 10,000,000 acres in 1941, was announced in a speech at Limoges by the Vichy Secretary of Agriculture, M. Caliot.

The Minister added that through the dearth of foodstuffs the rearing of cattle had proved insufficient, amounting to 40,000,000 quintals equivalent to the sustenance of 1,200,000 cattle.

M. Caliot thanked agricultural workers for having made the spectre of famine less threatening.

Dredging Coal From Sea Bed

Complaints received from the Katoomba Estate coalfield resulted in the Police arresting a number of people in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter yesterday, when they were charged with dredging coal from the sea bed in the Typhoon Shelter without permission.

Defendants, Wong Sze, 34, boat mistress, and four others, appeared before Cmdr T. C. Giff at the Marine Court this morning, and were fined \$10.

GERMANS OVER EAST ENGLAND

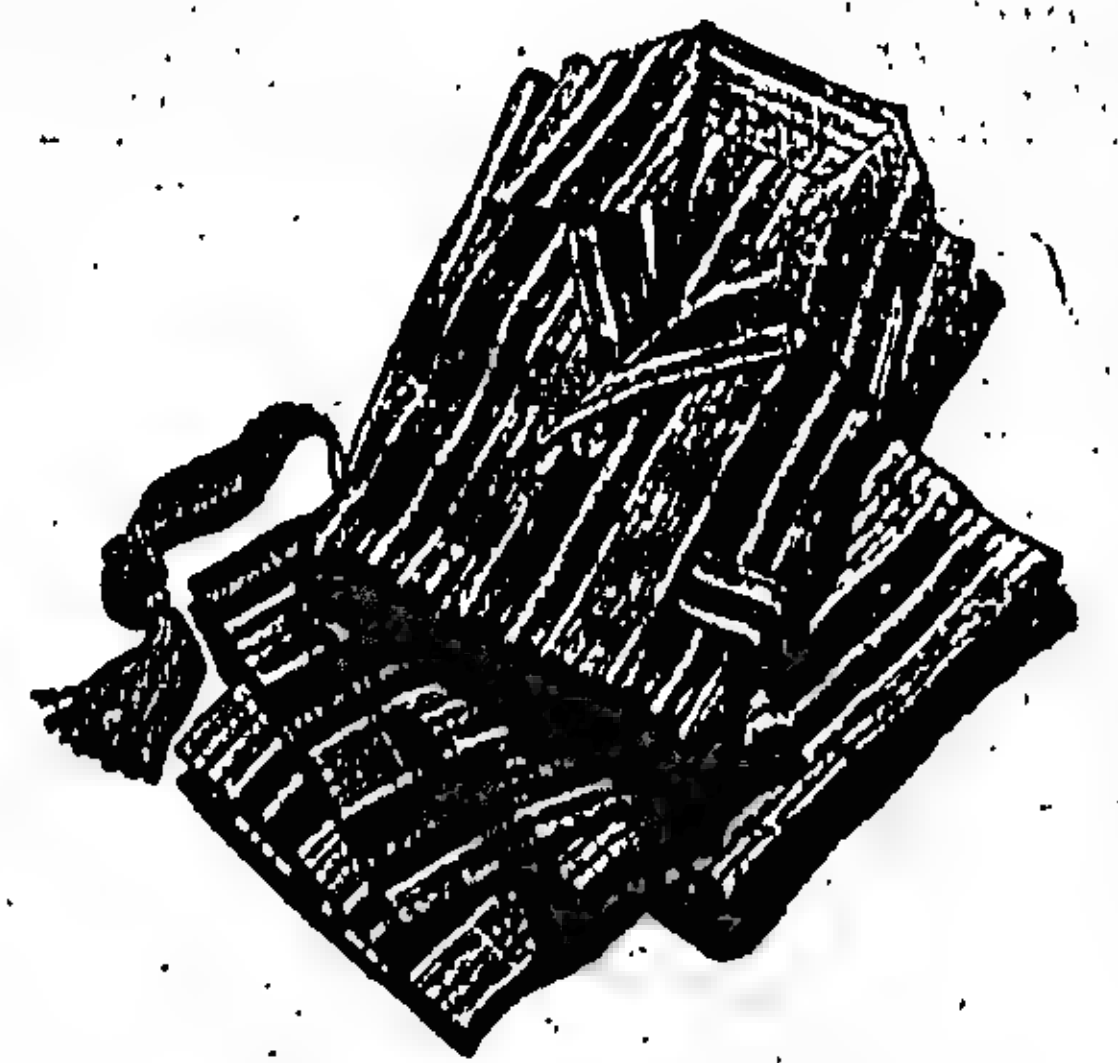
LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—There was some enemy activity today, mainly near the east coast, states the Air Ministry.

A few bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties. Enemy planes were reported over East Anglia and northwestern England to-night.

Plymouth Exodus

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PLYMOUTH, Apr. 23 (UP).—Thousands of homeless streamed from blasted and burned Plymouth today after hundreds of German bombers on the second consecutive night pounded this port for hours with 100,000 incendiary and over 500 high explosive bombs.



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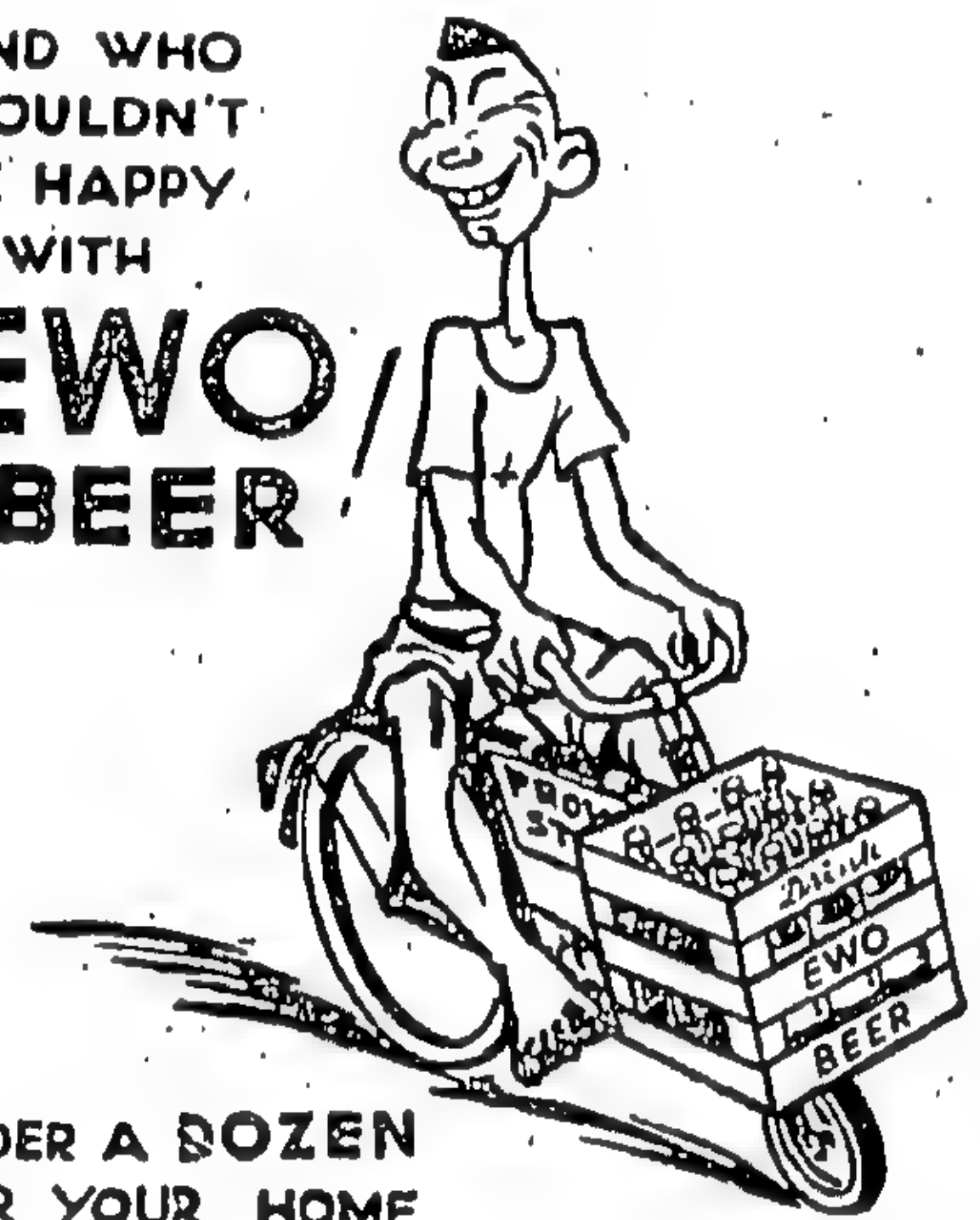
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

1940-41 Season Comes To Its Close

Six-a-side Tourney At King's Park On Sunday

Only 14 Entries To Date

THE 1940-41 SEASON comes to a close next Sunday when the second annual Six-a-side Tournament will be played at King's Park, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

Only fourteen teams have submitted their entries so far, but more may be expected before Saturday. Should less than twenty teams participate, four grounds will be required—these will be the Navy, the Y.M.C.A., the C.B.A. and Recreio grounds.



Macao Lyceum and the Hongkong University hockey teams that met in a friendly game at Pokfulam last week, when the visiting team won 1-0.

Badminton Championship Ties To-night

P. H. Wong v. M. P. Young

FURTHER SEMI-FINAL matches in the Open Badminton Championship will be played this evening at Kowloon Cricket Club. The programme will be as follows:

8.30 p.m.—P. K. Hoo and Miss U. Khoo v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss N. Silva (Mixed Doubles).
9 p.m.—T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier (Junior Doubles).
9.30 p.m.—P. H. Wong and M. P. Young.

All three matches should be very close, though main interest will no doubt be centred on the last match of the evening. Odds will be in Wong's favour, though he has not been showing up very well this year. Young is too inclined to the spectacular to be reliable.

P. K. Hoo and Miss Khoo have a stiff hurdle in the Recreio pair, but should manage to win, while in the Junior Doubles odds will be in favour of Young and Fung, for though Pereira has shown excellent form to date, Xavier has hardly been up to form.

H.K. Boy Does Well In Victoria Schools Aquatic Meet

D. ANDREWS, young son of Inspector A. Andrews of the Peak Tramway Company and former C.B.S. boy, did well in the Victoria State Schools annual swimming meet which was held on March 21. Swimmers from all Australian States in Victoria took part in this meet, and D. Andrews took first place in the diving event for boys between the ages of 13 and 15. He also came third in the Under 15 Boys 100 metres Championship, and though he qualified for the 100 metres free-style race for boys between 14 and 15, he did not take part in the race as he was absent when the names were called.

"Y" Athletics

A meeting of European Y.M.C.A. members interested in Athletics (track and field) will be held in the West Lounge of the Y.M.C.A. to-morrow at 6 p.m. to form a committee and make plans for this new section.

Requirements Of An Ideal Hockey Captain

THE IDEAL CAPTAIN is born, though one may attain a near equivalent through long experience with the management of a team, and the importance of selecting a leader who has the power to command and instruct cannot be over-estimated.

One often sees a captain going through a game without any remark or suggestion to his side, though he has possibly seen several instances of faulty passing, poor tactics and even cases of extreme selfishness.

Players who have not the inherent intuition to lead should not accept the position, and the policy of making one's best player the captain is a blunder of the first magnitude.

The good "skipper" should not be the bullying autocrat, he should instil into his side a spirit of esprit de corps. Through strength of character he can prevent incidents on the field by the exercise of firmness and tact. In all this a passive captain fails, for he must lead or fail.

It is when things are going against his side that his initiative and knowledge should be shown. A hint here and there, a change of position or plan, encouragement to this or that player and an ability to appreciate the respective temperaments of his ten men are big assets. On and off the field he should be leader.

Team Spirit

SUFFICIENT attention is seldom paid, either by the captain or by his team, to the way in which the best can be brought out of the side. Too often a team is merely a collection of eleven individuals, out for an afternoon's exercise and enjoyment, who do not consider as much as they might the best way to get the utmost out of the side, not only with a view to winning but to give as good a display of the game as possible.

Victory is not the sole aim of the game. What is necessary is that the team should play well and hard, taking good luck and bad with equanimity. If victory comes, so much the better.

And a captain can do much towards preserving or encouraging the spirit of playing together.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Macao Soccer Comment

Sir—In your sports section of Saturday's issue, a sport commentator writing under the veiled name of "Scrambler" on the annual Hongkong-Macao Interport Football meet very politely, but not justly, classed the standard of football as played in Macao to be below that of Hongkong, and predicted a certain victory for the home team.

The writer whose experience and knowledge of the strength of Macao's Interport composition very naturally considered the statement to be too premature, but preferred to wait for the eventual result before taking up his pen in defence of same.

As the result of the match is now well known, and the formidable Hongkong Interport team was beaten by Macao, whose standard of play as the sport critic puts it, is below that of Hongkong, I should like to advise Mr "Scrambler" to take an object lesson of this Interport, and in future refrain from advancing unsavoury comparisons which may tend to under-rate the reputation of a friendly neighbourly team, as such was clearly the case.

MACAO SPORTSMAN.

SPORTS ADVT.

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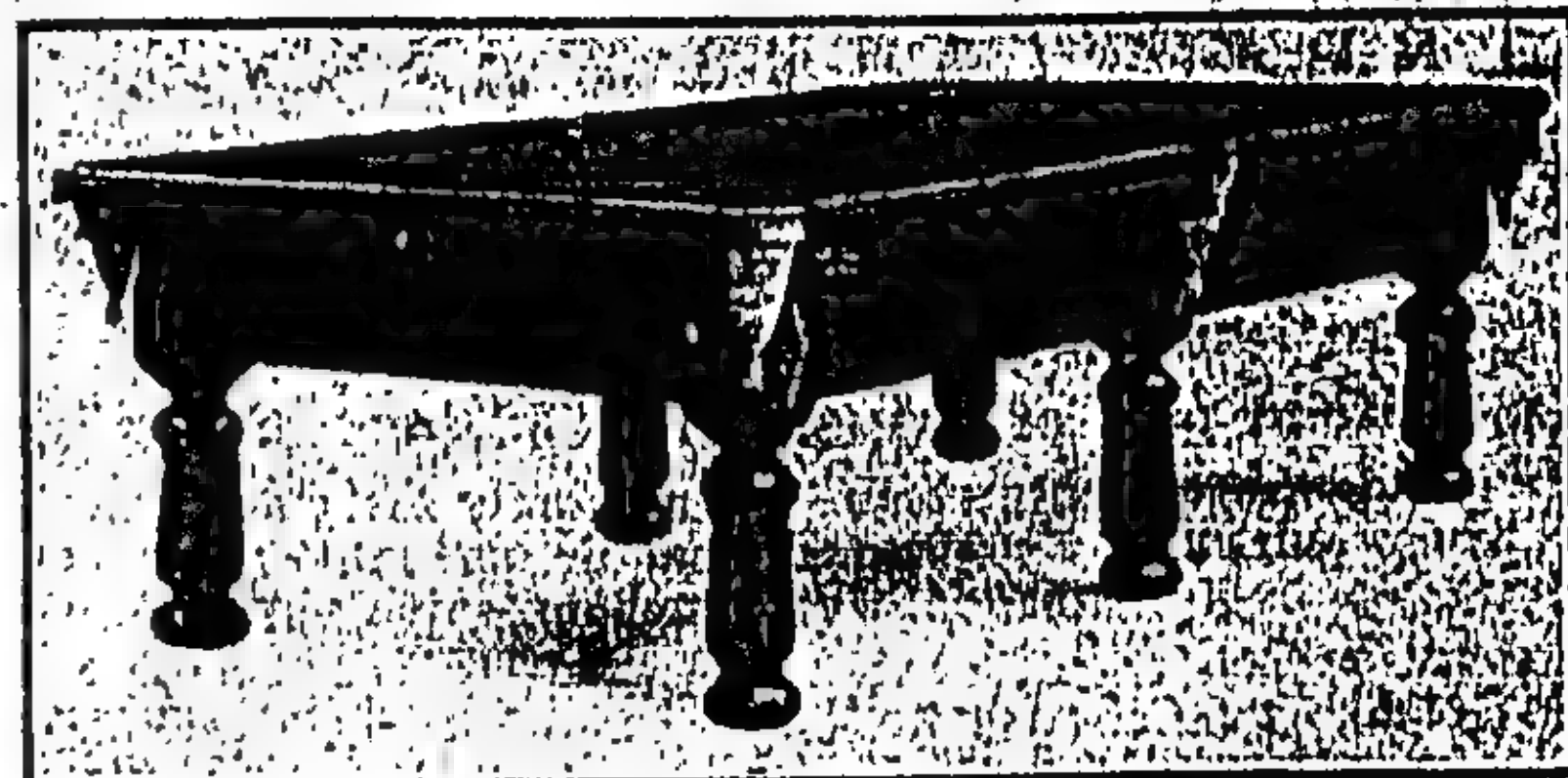
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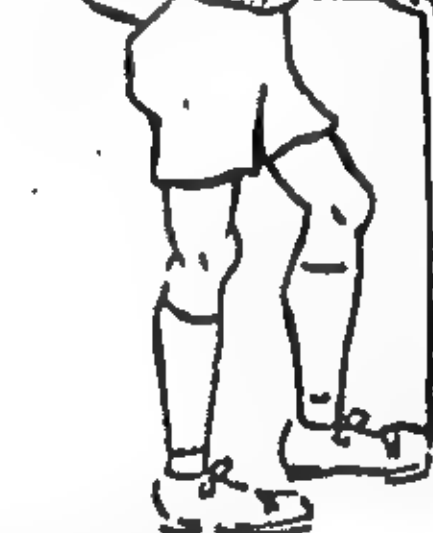
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Tennis Postponed

The Hongkong Cricket Club ground is in a sodden state and unfit for use. The Singles tennis semi-final, therefore, between Tsui Wai-pui and S. A. Rum-jah, arranged for this afternoon, has been postponed.

Major Baseball

N. Y. Giants Nose Out Boston Braves

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (UP).—New York Giants to-day nosed out the Boston Braves 5-4 in the National League. Stankiewicz beat the Boston Red Sox 4-2.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSN. SPORTS MEETING

THE ANNUAL SPORTS meeting of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association will be held at the South China A.A. stadium, Caroline Hill, on Saturday, April 20. His Excellency the Governor will attend, and Lady MacGregor will distribute the prizes.

The activities of this Association are for the betterment of social conditions in Hongkong. It was formed five years ago, and now boasts of 20 Clubs, at which a total of 595 girls and 640 boys attend.

The children are from the poorest families in the Colony, and in catering to their education, moral, physical and general, the Association is

fulfilling one of the greatest needs of the Colony.

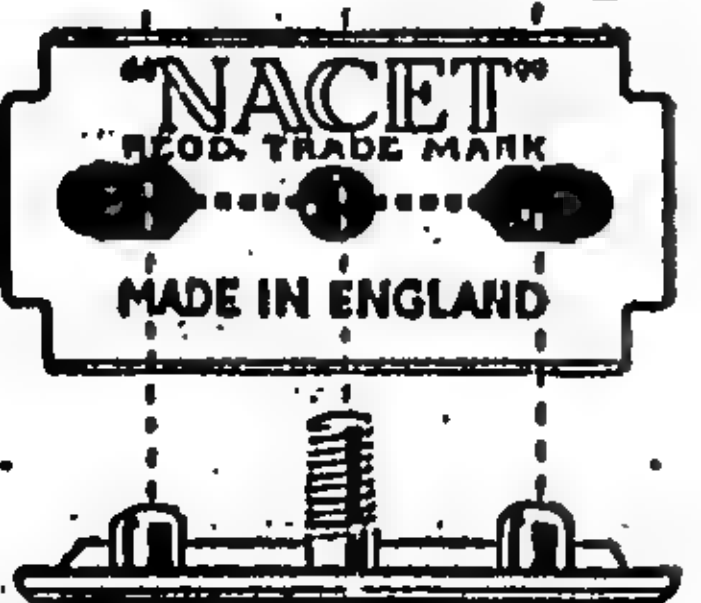
Funds, in the main, are dependent on the generosity of Colony residents, and though last year showed a gratifying increase in these, expenditure, too, has shown an increase not only in the growth of new Clubs, but through the widening of their spheres of activity.

Apparatus is made for the continued generosity of those already contributing, and to others to whom the movement has not yet made itself sufficiently known. It is a most deserving cause.

Donations may be made to Mr Kwok Chan, the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, who is Hon. Treasurer, and who will gladly acknowledge such receipts.

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MANY SIGN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FREE INDIA AIM OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

PROMINENT M.P.s of all the leading political parties have signed an important message to the people of India from "friends" in the British House of Commons.

The signatories include Mr H. B. Lees-Smith and Mr F. W. Pethick-Lawrence (Labour); Sir E. Cadogan and Sir J. Wardlaw-Milne (Conservatives); Sir G. Schuster (Lib. Nat.) and Mr H. Graham-White (Liberal).

The signatories are sincerely convinced, they say, that the deadlock which has arisen is "largely the result of a misunderstanding."

The message declares that "the common people on both sides must see that this tragedy is prevented—that the misunderstandings on superficial matters are brushed aside and the agreement on fundamentals made clear."

Fundamental Objects

It outlines as follows what the signatories regard as the fundamentals in the British attitude:

(1) THE BRITISH PEOPLE ARE IRREVOCABLY RESOLVED TO GIVE INDIA FULL POLITICAL FREEDOM.

We feel that Indian leaders who have not recently visited England do not perhaps sufficiently appreciate how deep is the desire in this country to see India achieve a status equal to that of the other Dominions.

(2) THE BRITISH WISH TO SEE INDIA DECIDE HER OWN CONSTITUTION.

As we see it, the solution of the Indian problem does not merely lie in "reasonableness" by Great Britain. It calls for the most intense and creative effort in India itself.

1935 Act

For whatever reasons, the Act of 1935 seems to have been found unacceptable in India.

The British Government has frankly recognised this fact, has agreed to the reopening of the whole constitutional issue, and envisages that the drafting of a measure to

replace the Act will be substantially the work of India herself.

Central Issue

We have no desire to minimise the difficulty of the task. The central issue is, of course, the communal one.

(3) THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS WHICH IT CANNOT RENOUNCE.

Surely India on her side is bound to recognise that the British Government has certain obligations to the Minority Communities and certain definite treaty obligations to the Indian States.

Does this mean that we would support the minorities in holding up agreement by unreasonable demands? Certainly not. But there must be reason on both sides.

(4) THE BRITISH PEOPLE DESIRE THAT THE ADVANCE TOWARDS INDIAN POLITICAL FREEDOM SHOULD BE MADE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

It is hardly possible for the British Government to take part in a complicated constitutional settlement in the midst of war. Mr Gandhi has recognised this. We are clear that the new constitution must be set up immediately after the war.

Get Together

Why should not Indians get together now for the purposes of hammering out a plan?

The Indian problem cannot to-day be isolated from what is happening in the rest of the world.

The present historic struggle is deciding the fate of all of us, of India no less than Great Britain.

The message of the British nation to the Indian nation is: "Join with us in defeating Hitlerism. Join with us thereafter in framing the terms of peace and helping to shape the course of the world."

This Horse Saw Red

A RUNAWAY horse dashed through the streets of Salisbury one day recently, dragging a swaying cart to which the driver clung desperately.

In and out of traffic the horse raced on. After nearly half a mile it approached a dangerous junction controlled by traffic lights.

An accident seemed inevitable. Then—the lights turned to red. The horse stopped dead.

The driver took hold of the reins and the horse jogged meekly back to work.

Churchill Surprise For Sentry

Mr Winston Churchill recently sent ten shillings to a young soldier who "held him up" during a visit to the southeast coast.

The soldier was on sentry duty at a protected place when Mr Churchill appeared ahead of his party. "The Prime Minister was challenged and asked for his pass. He replied that he had not one, but no doubt the sentry knew who he was. The sentry agreed that was "very likely," but his orders were to let no one by without a pass. So Mr Churchill waited a few moments, until he was vouched for by the sentry's officers.

A few days later the sentry received an official-looking envelope. It contained a 10s note and a letter expressing the Prime Minister's appreciation of the soldier's sense of duty.



DEFENDING AMERICA—U.S. Army bombers based at Puerto Rico fly over the city of San Juan during manoeuvres. The Caribbean island is now a key military and naval base for defence of the Panama Canal and is being heavily fortified.

Land Speculation In London Assailed

A committee is being set up in London to check land speculation by brokers buying up bombed sites to resell to municipalities after the war, the Government announced recently in the House of Commons.

A broadcast from London said recently that the fire-ravaged "city," or financial section, was undergoing the "most hectic land speculation activity in its history."

"The speculators hope that, when the time comes for reconstruction in London, they will be able to name their own price for the land which they have snapped up while it remained useless," the C.B.S. broadcaster said.

Seagull Eggs And Bacon

For Wartime Breakfast

Seagull eggs soon are to be teamed up with breakfast bacon in England.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has just completed a seagull census and has made arrangements to have eggs collected and marketed.

Seagull eggs have long been a favourite food of hardy British fishermen. The eggs taste like duck eggs.

The Government announced recently that chicken feed would be rationed because of inadequate supplies.

IT PAYS TO BE BRITISH

When a Briton in San Juan, Porto Rico, was recently served with a summons for parking his car too long, the policeman said, "You're American?" "No, English," replied the motorist. "Ah! I sympathise with Britain," said the policeman, and promptly tore up the summons.

One-Suit Era Is No More

Men's Larger Wardrobe

The day when one suit or one hat served for all occasions is gone, men. Even two suits and a couple of hats won't get by these days.

Who says so? Gerald D. Grosner, Chairman of the Style Committee of the U.S. National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers.

More and more men, says Mr Grosner, are learning that a wardrobe of three or four or five suits is an economy.

"A 12-hat wardrobe for every well-dressed man is suggested by the men's hat industry," Mr Grosner observes. "Drawers full of shirts—trunks of ties—all are becoming accepted by men in all walks of life as an economy and necessity."

No "Old School Tie" In Australia

"The old school tie has no place in the Australian Army," said Mr P. C. Spender, Australian Army Minister, referring recently to the controversy over Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Bingham's letter on the training of new officers.

"We look for qualities of leadership and character, I think the sterling type of recently-appointed Australian officers who never had an old school tie bears me out."

English Gaol Warders Deplore Conditions

ALTHOUGH Mr Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, recently denied statements about inadequate control of prisoners, the Prison Officers' Association has decided to send to members of Parliament a list of allegations about prison "unrest."

The association alleges that shortage of staff, combined with other factors, has made the maintenance of discipline "almost impossible among convicts and prisoners."

In a report on different jails, the association contends that at Parkhurst, where "a recent change in immediate control seems to be having some beneficial effect," prisoners are unlocked when an alert is sounded, and not more than fourteen officers are left in charge of 400 convicts.

Convicts Impertinent

"During the unlocking of prisoners from their cells, conditions are almost intolerable. Missiles are thrown out of the cells and the darkness during alerts, catcalls and boeing are heard. The officers complain that the general demeanour of the convicts is impertinent." The report also alleges that at Feltham, a young remand prisoners' institution, gangs were formed, and the Prison Commissioners were warned that unless something was done to stop the rot there might be a wide-scale attempt to break away from prison.

"Nothing material occurred," alleges the association's statement. "As a result seventeen prisoners succeeded in getting away from Feltham last week." Later a commissioner was sent down to investigate.

Cupid Finds Spy Clues

German women in Britain, trying to dodge internment and the restrictions on aliens, are asking marriage bureaux to find them British-born husbands.

The "Marriage Mart" do not arrange the weddings—but they send all particulars of the applicants to Scotland Yard.

"We get an average of 10 a week, mostly from Austrian women," Miss Mrs. Oliver, the joint manager of a West-End Bureau told a reporter.

"We invite full personal histories from each woman—and send the forms to the police. Some of the applicants may be spies—and we are taking no risks."

Civilians Teach Cycle Tricks

One hundred and twenty-five Army and Tank Corps motor cyclists who took part in a reliability trial held in the Midlands recently were told that the object was "not to look pretty when riding, but to get there." The hazards included a muddy lane—a water splash—a steep footpath over tree roots, rough grass and rocks.

Civilian experts waited at each hazard and riders who failed were shown how to take the hazard properly.

THE REGAL TOUCH

An 85-year-old woman living in a Luton almshouse offered a gift of two pound notes for war weapons, and when the savings organiser (aged 65) asked her if she could afford it, she replied: "Young man, I shall adjust my affairs accordingly."

DANCING RECITAL

Goncharoff Pupils Impress

The recital at the Helena May Institute yesterday given by pupils of the George Goncharoff School of the Dance was on a smaller scale than previous displays, many of our budding ballerinas having been evacuated to Australia, but it was more enjoyable, perhaps, because those responsible could devote greater care to fewer items and the programme was not cluttered up with inconsequential tidbits.

Peggy Scotcher, who scored a big success last year in "The Dying Swan," impressed again yesterday in "Swan." Fibi's music. Part-nered by Hugh Goldie, she gave a delicate and intelligent dance on ballet lines that was proof of her skill as well as a tribute to Mr Goncharoff's direction.

Pat Pasco rendered an excellent Czardas, and Mrs Ernest To was also good in a Chopin waltz. The tableau finale, "Pis de Qing," to Mischa Levitsky's music, featured Peggy Scotcher, Pat Pasco, Lara Tesar, Ann Mansfield and Hugh Goldie, and was a good round-off number, the routines and the costumes being quite impressive.

Others taking part were Claire van Wylick, Francoise Eveille, Ghilene and Janine Ubahghs, Janet Perry, Irene Zindel, Priscilla Fung, Cecilia Chu, Marion Shin, Barbara Tam, Patricia Tsang, Greta Lo, Rosemary To and June Summers.—A.C.G.

Danish King Uses

Papers For Warmth

King Christian showed his nation how to keep warm through a cold winter when coal is scarce.

According to an Associated Press report, when asked by a woman how he managed to take daily horseback rides even in the bitterest cold, the Danish Sovereign replied:

"I put old newspapers inside the overcoat of my uniform. That way I keep warm."

SPARROW FIRES OWN NEST

A sparrow which carried a lighted cigarette end to its nest 40 feet from the ground caused a fire in the branch of a tall pine tree in the Botanic gardens at Christchurch, New Zealand. The blaze was soon extinguished by the somewhat astonished curator of the gardens. It is not known how a bird of the size of a sparrow could manage to carry a burning cigarette so far.

OLAF'S PROPERTY SEIZED

All property belonging to Crown Prince Olaf and Crown Princess Martha of Norway has been removed by the Germans from their home at Skagnum, outside Oslo. The articles removed include silver given to the Crown Prince and Princess by the municipality of Oslo on the occasion of their wedding.

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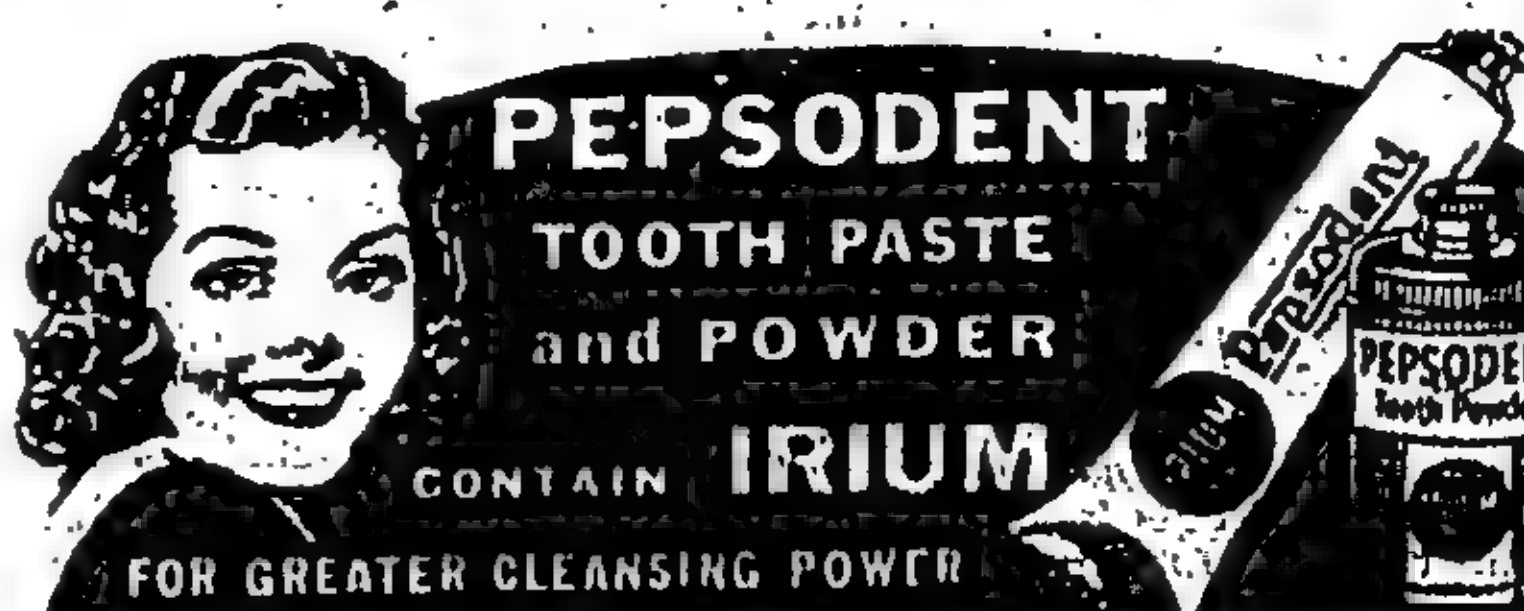
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Greek Government To Fight From Crete

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aid and fought so brilliantly, as they are still fighting, on Greek soil for a just cause.

"Though exhausted after six months of victorious and hard fighting against a much stronger enemy, our troops, who have written the most glorious pages of our military history, continued the struggle against the German offensive with unheard-of heroism."

Army of The Epirus
"We still do not know the real reasons why the Army of the Epirus signed an armistice with the enemy without our knowledge and without the cognisance of the C-in-C, and the Government. This signature in no way binds the free will of the nation, the King and the Government, which is manifested in the continuation of the struggle with all the forces remaining to us to safeguard our national interests."

"With this aim in view, we are compelled to go to Crete. We are leaving in order to be able freely, from free Greek territory, to continue the struggle against the invaders until final victory is achieved that shall repay us fully for the nation's great sacrifices."

The King's proclamation concludes by urging the Greeks not to lose heart, remain faithful to the idea of one country, united, indivisible and free.

"Have courage and better days will return. Long live the nation."

Premier's Message
ATHENS, Apr. 23 (Reuters).—"Hold Fast" is the keynote of a message addressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Dr. Emmanouel Tsouderos, to the Greek nation.

The message adds: "We shall emerge victors, glorified and bigger men. The military armistice signed with the Germans without any authorisation is a precipitate act which may be put down to fatigue and justified by six months of unequal but victorious struggle, and now the result of overwhelming pressure."

Dr Tsouderos's message says: "In this tragic but great moment, when I am leaving for Crete with our heroic King—a worthy symbol of the great struggle that the nation is pursuing—I am truly proud of this political and national move which illustrates in the fullest manner possible the unconquerable soul of Greece and proclaims the firm determination of us all not to give in to the invader."

Base Aggression
"We are defending ourselves against an unjust aggression of unprecedented baseness. To save the cowardly partner that we had vanquished, an empire of 100,000,000 souls struck us in the back."

Dr Tsouderos prophesies that Greece will emerge victorious, a glorified and greater nation from these trials. "Moreover, the moral strength of our country never in the past reached the heights attained today."

Will Rise Again
NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (UP).—Athens Radio was heard broadcasting, "This war will finally be won," and cited the Greek press statements that Greece will rise again and none must lose courage. The station promised to be on the air again to-morrow.

British Building Up Huge Reserves
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tion. Of five principal operational types, we have reserves in scattered store houses of 100 per cent. We are not satisfied with that and we think that the R.A.F. is entitled to a reserve of 200 or 300 per cent.

Notwithstanding the increasing supplies from America, our own production must continue to be of first importance. In February we produced more operational aircraft, bombers and fighters, than ever before. In March we achieved another record with two and a half times the production of last year. The March output exceeded our target programme.

Lull In Nazi Drive
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lulations of sections of these Greek armies has been going on since April 20. All the Greek northern armies directed an armistice request to the commander of the Italian 11th army.

Lemnos Said Occupied
ISTANBUL, Apr. 23 (UP).—It was officially announced by Radio Ankara at 9 p.m. that the Germans had occupied Lemnos but the report has not yet been confirmed.

German Losses
ISTANBUL, Apr. 23 (UP).—Diplomatic quarters to-day claimed that 70,000 German troops have been killed and 200,000 wounded so far in the Greek campaign. Neutral diplomats, arriving from Rumania, state that Bucharest is overflowing with German wounded soldiers.

Long Audience
LONDON, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill had a long audience with King George at Buckingham Palace to-day. It is understood they reviewed the war situation, especially in the Balkans.

Nearing Athens
ROME, Apr. 23 (Reuters).—German troops advancing south of Lamia are reported to be 50 miles from Athens according to a Sofia telegram to the "Giornale d'Italia."

The "Stefani" agency states that firing ceased to-night on the Epirus and Macedonian fronts in accordance with the terms of the armistice.



THREAT TO BRITAIN—Radio picture received in New York from Berlin shows new German "vest-pocket" submarines, which are expected to take part in operations against British shipping.

Stolen Shanghai Dog Found In H.K., Returned To Owner

The smart work of officials of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals resulted recently in the rescue of a Scotch collie which had been stolen in Shanghai and brought to the Colony.

The dog has since been restored to its owner in Shanghai. The collie, named "Rex," was reported by the Shanghai Society of the S.P.C.A. to have been stolen in Shanghai and brought to Hongkong. Local officials went to work and found the dog and had it returned by ship.

The Secretary of the Shanghai S.P.C.A. has written stating that on Easter Sunday the owner of "Rex," Mrs. R. Ferrajolo, accompanied by officials, took delivery of the dog. When the ship was going alongside the Roosevelt Terminal in Shanghai, Mrs. Ferrajolo heard "Rex" bark and recognised the dog. "Rex" recognised his mistress as soon as he spotted her and there was a happy reunion of dog and mistress.

R.A.F. Fighters & A.A. Guns Score
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who are holding positions covering Dessie.

Berlin Claims
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Apr. 23 (UP).—According to the official news agency, German bombers attacked and set fire to British tanks and auto trucks at Tobruk to-day with bombs and machineguns.

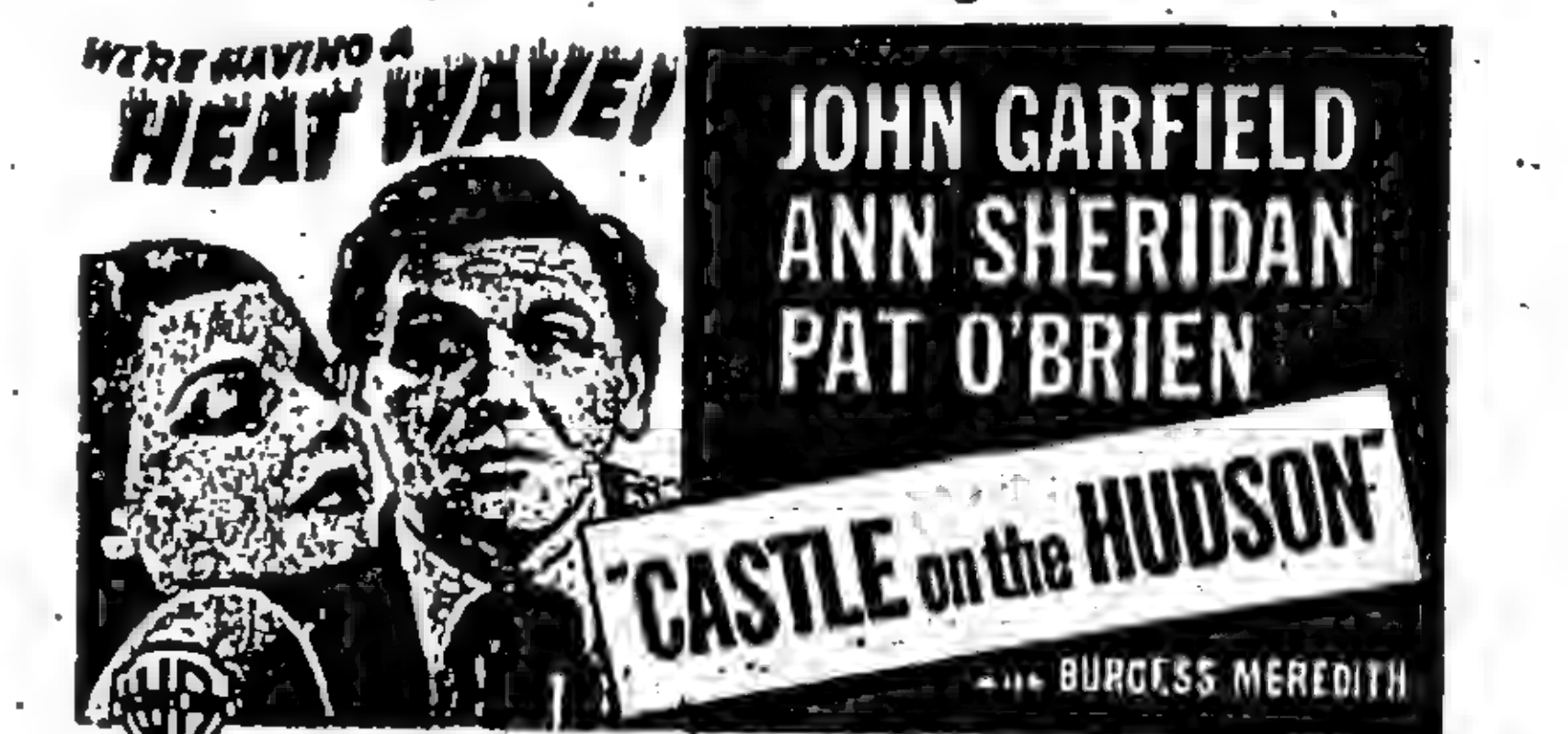
In the ensuing air battle, German fighters shot down one British plane. There were no German losses.

GREECE-BULGARIA
SOFIA, Apr. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that Greece has broken off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria.

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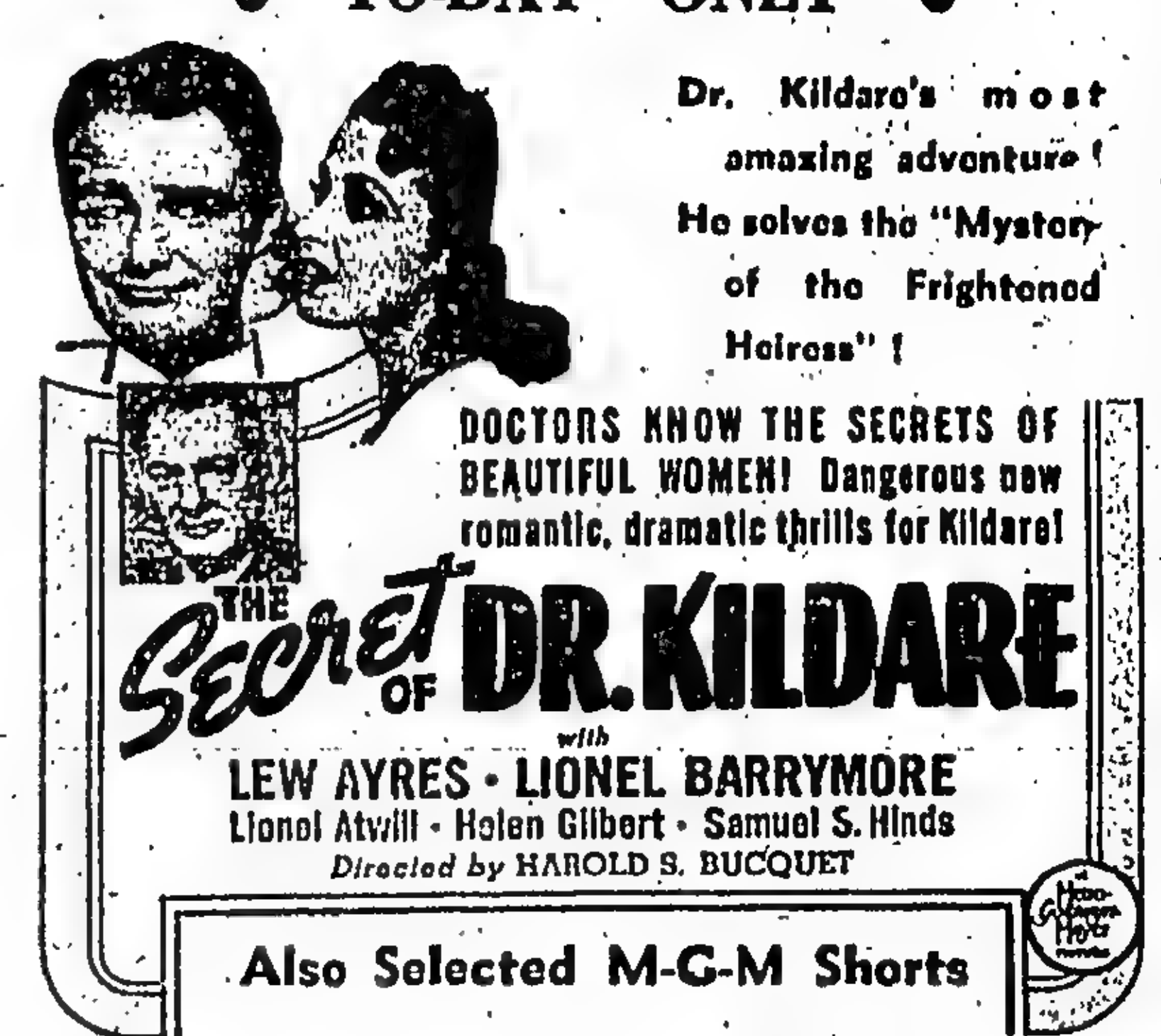
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1340
H.K. Bank	71 1/2
H.K. Bank (H.K.)	78 1/2
Chartered	8 1/2
Mercantile, A. & B.	22 1/2
Mercantile C.	11 1/2
East Asia	70

INSURANCES

Cantons	222 1/2
Union	425
China Underwriters	1
H.K. Fire	187

SHIPPING

Douglas	135
Steamships	33
Indo-China P.	60
Indo-China S.	60
Shell (Barkers) s/s	40 7/8
Waterboats	0.55

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	85 1/2
Docks	18
Provident	510
Shal Dockyards	24 1/2

MINING

Kailan s/s	141
Roubs	8
H.K. Mines	114

LANDS

Hotels s/s	2.90
Land	33
Land 4%	0.71
Shal Lands	12.00
Humphreys	0.70
H.K. Realities	3
Chinese Estates	0.9

UTILITIES

Trams	18 1/2
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2
Peaks Trams (new)	3 1/2
Star Ferries	32
X. Ferries	23 1/2
China Light	2.35
China Lights (new)	1.70
H.K. Electric (old) x. ris.	26
H.K. Electric (new)	25 1/2
H.K. Electric Rts	14 1/2
Macao Electric s/s	17
Sandakan Lights	12
Telephones (old)	23 1/2
Telephones (new)	0 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Mack. (Ord.)	Sh. \$30
Cald. Mack. (Pref.)	Sh. \$25
Canton Ice	1
Cement s/s	15
H.K. Ropes	7

STORES, &c.

Dairy Forms	17 1/2
Watsons	0.94
Lane Crawford	7 1/2
Sincere	2.15
Wing On (H.K.)	3
Powell-Lid	1 1/2

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh.	37 1/4
Shal Cotton Sh.	200

MISC.

H.K. Govt 4%	0.7
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	0.44
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	0.4
Ch Govt 5% 1925 Csbds.	28
H.K. Entertainment	1.5
Constructions (old)	1.05
Constructions (new)	1
Vibro Piling	7.20
Margmans Inv. (H.K.)	0.63
Margmans Inv. (Lon.)	0.6

POST OFFICE

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended: Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulungsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th April.....Apr. 26.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th April.....May 3.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Friday, April 25
Air Mail by Air to Hongkong to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg.Apr. 25, 4 p.m.
Ord.Apr. 25, 4.30 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg.Apr. 26, 5 p.m.
Ord.Apr. 26, 5.30 p.m.
Saturday, May 3
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".
K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg.May 3, 5 p.m.
Ord.May 3, 5.30 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE OF CALL OF \$1.00 PER SHARE ON 1941-ISSUE SHARES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have made a call of \$1.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue allotted on 24th January, 1941, upon which only \$1.00 per share has been paid, and that the same will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on the 30th day of September, 1941.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1941.

NOTICE

WANTED (temporarily) European Inspector of Works. Salary \$450.00 a month.

Application forms may be obtained from the Correspondence Office, Public Works Department, Lower Albert Road.

Applications should be sent to reach the Director of Public Works not later than noon Monday, 28th April, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
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10 cents per copy
British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy
16 cents Saturdays
British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

GERMANS OVER EAST ENGLAND

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—There was some enemy activity today, mainly near the east coast, states the Air Ministry.

A few bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties. Enemy planes were reported over East Anglia and northwestern England to-night.

Plymouth Exodus

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PLYMOUTH, Apr. 23 (UP).—Thousands of homeless streamed from blasted and burned Plymouth to-day after hundreds of German bombers on the second consecutive night pounded this port for hours with 100,000 incendiary and over 500 high explosive bombs.

Japanese Embassy Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 23 (Domel).—The Japanese Embassy at 10, Grosvenor Square was damaged during a recent German air raid when an incendiary bomb hit the front part of the Embassy building.

Members of the Embassy staff and other Japanese staying in the Embassy are all safe.

No Blitz Last Night

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP).—The Luftwaffe apparently took a night off from blitzkrieging. So far this morning there has been no reports of heavy attacks anywhere throughout Britain. Contrasting with the biggest blitzkrieg ever, of last week, London was without alarm or raiders throughout the night. Only a small force of raiders crossed the southeast coast and ran into a fierce barrage.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: Insurance shares were offered and found a ready market, otherwise little interest was displayed.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-China (Pref.) \$80
Wharves \$85.50
Lights "O" \$8

Sellers

H.K. Banks \$1340
Realities \$3
Trams \$10.25
Lights "O" \$8.05
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$20
Electricity Rts \$14.50
Cements \$15

Sales

Union Ins. \$425
H.K. Fire Ins. \$187
Humphreys \$0.70
Wm Powell Ltd \$150

Sir David Owen's Proposals For Development of H.K. Harbour

SIR DAVID OWEN'S REPORT ON THE FUTURE CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF HONGKONG, TABLED AT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON, CONTAINED 103 CLAUSES, DEALING WITH THE HISTORY OF THE COLONY, THE DEVELOPMENT TO DATE OF THE HARBOUR, AND A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS, PRINCIPAL ONE OF WHICH WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUTHORITY TO BE CALLED THE HONGKONG HARBOUR TRUST.

The report is too voluminous to be reprinted in full, but the author's own summary of his recommendations follows:

(1) That a Body to be called the "Hong Kong Harbour Trust" be established as soon as possible.

(2) That the constitution of the Trust be as under:—

Three Government officials of high standing, to be appointed by the Governor.

Three British subjects connected with the trade of the Port, to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the General Chamber of Commerce.

One person interested in the trade of the Port to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

One independent Chairman, being a person of business experience and, if possible, with a knowledge of Port affairs, to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the other members of the Trust at a meeting duly held for the purpose.

(3) The Harbour Trustees, other than the Chairman, to be unpaid, but the Chairman to be paid a suitable annual fee.

(4) This Body of Harbour Trustees to remain in being for three years as an experiment.

(5) The matters over which the Trust would have control to be:—

Leasing or letting of piers and construction of new piers and when necessary, and the charges therefor.

Lights and buoys (Navigation), and the charges therefor.

Mooring buoys, and the charges therefor.

Ferries, and the royalties, etc., therefor.

Dredging the Harbour as required from time to time.

Licensing of Pilots.

Regulation of Harbour traffic and the promulgation of the necessary by-laws for this purpose.

The general policy of the Harbour.

(6) The rents of the piers, the charges for the use of mooring buoys, the charges levied upon the ferry owners in the form of royalties, etc., and the light dues to be paid to the Trust.

(7) No charges or rents to be levied by the Trust without the consent of the Governor thereto having been first obtained.

(8) The necessary staff for the working of the Trust to be supplied by the Government from their official establishment, for the experimental period of three years.

(9) The Trust to regulate its own procedure with the proviso that a quorum at any meeting should be four, and no Trustee to be allowed to vote on any question directly affecting his own or his firm's business.

(10) The policy to be adopted by the Trust to be that of seeing that adequate and proper facilities are available in the Harbour for ships and their cargoes, but to allow approved private enterprise to provide these facilities as far as possible and also to let private enterprise do its own operating. This would involve the renewal of the piers leases which expire in 1949, (except in those cases which would require special treatment as mentioned in paragraph 8), and the issue of new leases as occasion arose.

(11) Every future lease should stipulate that the lessee is to use the pier only for the purpose of his own business, and that no sub-letting is to be allowed.

(12) A statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Trust to be published annually.

(13) During the experimental period of three years, any surplus of revenue over receipts to be paid over to the Government and any shortage to be recouped by the Government.

(14) At the end of the experimental period of three years, if the Harbour Trust is found to function satisfactorily, it should be established on a permanent basis, with the same constitution and duties, subject to any modification that may be deemed to be desirable in the light of the experience gained.

(15) That Connaught Road from its junction with Queen Victoria Street to its junction with Queen Street be widened by reclamation, and 13 new piers constructed in lieu of the existing piers which would be demolished; and that a reclamation, with new piers in front, be made from the junction of Connaught Road with Queen Victoria Street to the junction of Connaught Road with Murray Road. All this is shown on the attached plan. The cost of the reclamation and of any piers for Government use, to be borne by the Government, but the cost of the other piers to be borne by the proposed Harbour Trust.

(16) That negotiations be entered into for the removal of the Royal Naval Depot from its present position on the west side of the Kowloon Peninsula to some other suitable site.

(17) In due time, when the ocean-going trade of the Port expands to such an extent as to require further

accommodation, the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company to be encouraged to provide more pier and godown accommodation to the northward of their present premises on the west side of the Kowloon Peninsula, the Naval Depot having, it is assumed, been by then removed. The question should also be considered of providing transit sheds, passenger accommodation and railway sidings on any new piers constructed. The railway connections would necessitate taking over the Military lands south of Austin Road and moving the Military elsewhere.

(18) That the work of reclaiming land from the waters of the Harbour be undertaken by the Government and not by the proposed Harbour Trust.

(19) That it is desirable for the Government to carry out the following works of reclamation as soon as practicable:—

(a) Filling in the present Typhoon refuge harbour at Mong Kok Tsui (187 acres) and filling in about 143 acres at Cheung Sha Wan, together with the formation at the latter place of a new Typhoon refuge in lieu of the former.

(b) A small reclamation at Yau Tong Wan in order to accommodate ship and boat building yards that would be displaced at Cheung Sha Wan.

(c) About 214 acres at Tsun Wan.

Air Port Removal

(20) That a reclamation at Ngau Tau Kok, adjacent to the area at Kun Tong now being slowly reclaimed by the dumping of town refuse, be included in the programme of development for carrying out at such time as circumstances indicate, with road and rail connections as required.

(21) That consideration be given to the possibility of removing the Air Port to some other place say in the New Territories, in order to avoid so costly a reclamation scheme as would be necessary to enable the Air Services to develop at their present site.

(22) That the removal of the railway station at Kowloon from its present site, to a more suitable site, as shown on the attached plan, be considered at some suitable future time.

(23) That in due time when the traffic increases to such an extent as to justify it, a new vehicular ferry service be established with a pier opposite Marsh Road, Hongkong, and another pier opposite Gillies Avenue, Kowloon.

FOOCHOW REGIME

Military Yen Will Be Currency

FOOCHOW, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Japanese have set up a new government of 21 members with Lin Chieh-ming as Chairman and Lee Meng-bing as Vice-Chairman.

It is anticipated that the military yen will be adopted here at \$220 (Chinese National) to \$100.

It is understood that in the brief transition period between the evacuation of the Chinese and the arrival of the Japanese, the premises of the late government and the houses of some Chinese officials were looted and demolished by unknown Chinese.

Fresh meat and vegetables are very scarce but it is understood that arrangements have been made to relieve the situation.

Large number of Japanese troops are passing through Foochow daily on their way up river.

Prisoners And Spoils

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
FOOCHOW, Apr. 24 (Domel).—Two hundred Chinese troops were taken prisoner in Foochow. The Japanese forces also captured 32 military pieces, 28 trench-mortars, 214 pistols and rifles and 30,000 rounds of ammunition, four 20-centimetre and 10-centimetre guns, one 7-centimetre anti-aircraft gun and large quantities of supplies, Japanese Army authorities announced.

British Prisoners Maltreated

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The charge that British officers in a prison camp in Germany were living in one cellar with no plumbing sanitation or daylight was made by a member of the House of Commons who asked what the Government could do about it.

The Financial Secretary of the War Office, Mr. R. Law, stated that information was received about the unsatisfactory conditions in two German camps.

Everything was being done through the Power protecting British and there were no further means of bringing pressure on an unscrupulous foe.

Steamboat Co. May Need Govt. Help

Another Year of Bad Trade

The possibility of it being necessary to obtain Government assistance in the near future for the maintenance of the essential services of the Company was voiced by the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Chairman, at the one hundred and twenty-first meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Ltd., held at the offices of the Company, Queen's Building, at noon today.

The Chairman was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. L. B. Wood, Mr. D. L. Newbigging (Directors), Mr. Tung-fun Lo (alternate Director), Mr. H. de Lux (Secretary), Shareholders present were Messrs M. H. Lo, W. E. Kirby, Wei Tat, Kwan Yau-kwong and Wong Chik.

Mr. Li said: I regret to have to report that although not unexpected, the result of last year's trading was again unsatisfactory. The loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$208,118.01. This sum has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account making that account a debit of \$236,378.42, which your Directors recommend to be carried forward to a new account.

Throughout the year under review the Company has had to rely mostly on the "old guard" of the Company's fleet—the Kinshan. When your Directors decided last May to lay up the Taisan because of the prohibitive cost of operation and later when they realized that the "Chungshan" made but a poor substitute for the bigger vessel, it remained for the Kinshan to carry the bulk of the cargo available from Company's patrons.

Trading conditions remained poor for the whole of 1940. Every conceivable effort was made to maintain the Company's service on an economical basis, but conditions were such that your Directors were forced to retrench further by laying up the Taisan.

Macao Line Affected

The passenger traffic in the Macao line was adversely affected by the restrictive measures against cholera when your Director realized that prevailing conditions demanded immediate co-operation between the river shipping companies towards an economical adjustment of the passage rates they lost no time or opportunity in trying to come to an understanding with them. No satisfactory response, however, was received—to all the overtures made, and it remained for the Company to face a daily worsening situation with the hope that something might happen to bring about the desired prosperity.

Freight offerings throughout the year were far from sufficient for the needs of cargo tonnage in commerce. The situation in the Macao line, competition for what was available remained as keen as ever, and finally resulted in the further retrenchment on the part of Company's service. From August the Kinshan and Chungshan operated only a curtailed schedule of sailings in order to economise coal and oil.

The invasion of the Heungshan District severed all communication between Macao and the interior, and the Taisan Shan Customs Station was suspended service in May. The enforcement of the embargo on rice from Hongkong further affected freight returns.

In the Canton line the interests which the Company had in the operation of the Fatshan came to a stop in July when certain demands made by the authorities in Canton made it impossible for owners to continue running her on a commercial basis.

During the year exports from Hongkong consisted mostly of rice (until the embargo), salt and firewood. Imports were negligible and varied little from Macao products such as direct traders and wine, as well as fruits and vegetables which were transhipped from Canton. The fresh water fish business ceased early in the year for lack of transportation facilities from the interior.

Government Aid Necessary?

Your Directors have, as usual, been unrelenting in their efforts towards the economical running of your steamers. The stock of coal which was bought at a reasonable price late in 1939 lasted the Company for the whole of last year, and is sufficient to see the Kinshan through to next June. It is unfortunate that the latest contract has had to be made at a much higher figure. In this connection prevailing conditions leave much to be desired, and it would seem that Government assistance may be necessary in the near future in the maintenance of our essential services if the situation does not improve.

It is proposed that the amount of \$38,118 should be written off the value of your steamers, which represents the usual five per cent of their book value. It is also proposed that the amount of \$9,546.99 should be written off the Hongkong

wharves, in accordance with the policy decided upon in 1939.

Of the amount of \$92,769.72 which is charged to repairs, steamers which have absorbed the better part of that sum in Canton wharves, however, came in for special attention, as they were in a condition requiring immediate overhaul.

In the course of his address to you last year the Chairman remarked that there was a possibility of the river shipping companies operating between Hongkong and Macao forming a combine in order to do away with the suicidal competition which had prevailed for so many years past. It is with regret that I have to report that the agreement was never signed. Unforeseen developments occurred necessitating the withdrawal of a few steamers from the line, and causing some owners to imagine that the withdrawals obviated the necessity of a combine.

Rates Increase Agreed On

I am, however, pleased to be in a position to report that on April 1941, the three principal companies engaged in the Macao line agreed to increase passage and freight rates. These rates have not been brought up to a level commensurate with the much higher cost of operation of the steamers, but it is a step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that the sensible but belated co-operation thus exhibited by those concerned will be maintained.

Of the immediate prospects ahead of the Company I fear that they are not bright. It is true that from the beginning of this year the returns have shown considerable improvement, but conditions in the Macao line are far from being stable, and the better returns can in no wise be accepted as an indication that we have seen the last of the lean times.

Your Directors after careful consideration have decided to lay up the Chungshan. The vessel's capacity for cargo is very limited, and with the passenger traffic subjected to not only the immigration but the cholera restrictions as well, the decision to lay her up until conditions should improve appears to be the only course open.

Conversion Of Taisan

Concerning the Taisan, your Directors, in consideration of the high price of coal and considering the question of converting her into an oil fuel burner. It is fortunate that the construction of the ship will not require more than a reasonable outlay for the conversion.

Before concluding I feel that I should once again voice the Directors' appreciation and thanks for the staffs' splendid loyalty and wholehearted co-operation during a period of anxiety and considerable difficulty. The report and accounts for the year was seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo, and carried unanimously.

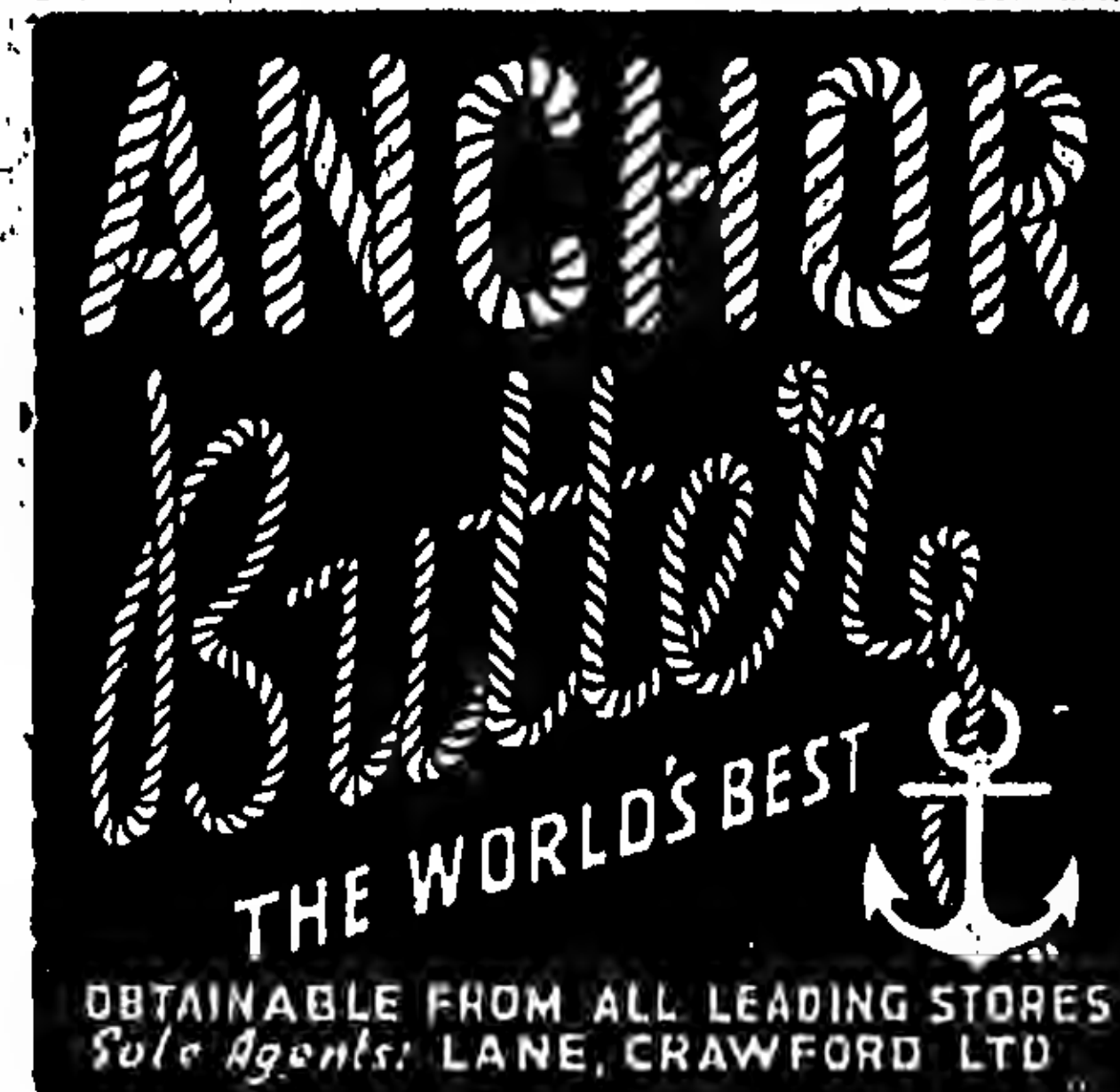
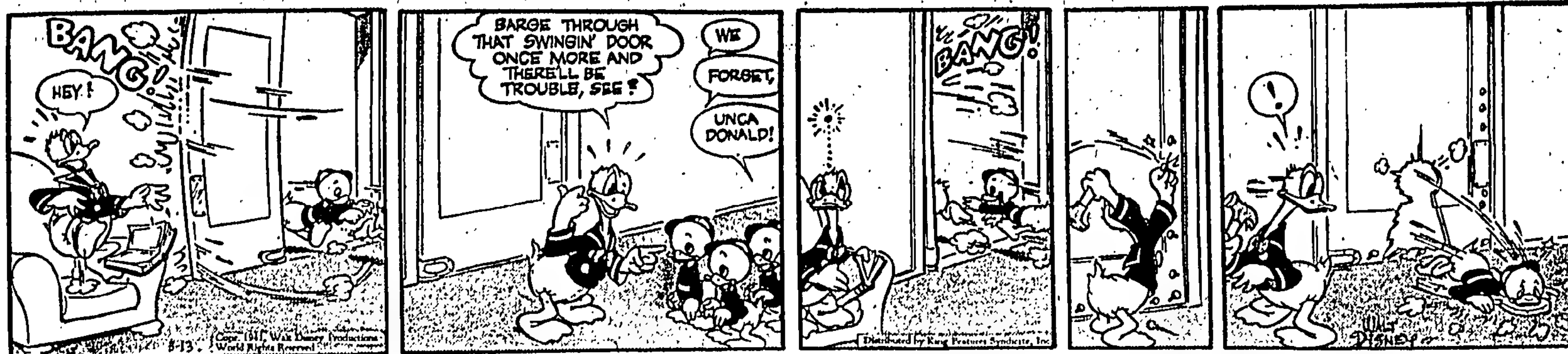
Other Business

Mr. Wei Tat proposed that the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Sir Robert Ho Tung be re-elected Directors. This was seconded by Mr. Kwan Yau-kwong, and carried unanimously.

Mr. D. L. Newbigging's appointment as Director was proposed by Mr. W. E. Kirby, and seconded by Mr. Wong Chik, and the re-election of Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors was proposed

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



NEW WONDER PLANES

for the
R. A. F.

BEFORE very long the Germans are likely to feel the effect of Britain's new war planes—the Stirling, the Tornado, the Whirlwind, the Manchester and the Botha.

Just after the Queen Elizabeth had made her secret voyage to New York—and that is a long time ago—a friend told me that while driving past an aerodrome, with which Short Brothers were associated, he saw a strange four-motor machine standing on the ground.

It did not strike him as particularly big until his eyes suddenly focussed on a terrace of houses just behind it, "and," he said,

"It completely dwarfed the houses and nearly blotted them out of the landscape."

Since then the Queen Elizabeth has done a lot of useful work and so have Short Brothers.

THERE is a good story of the new Stirling bomber in its embryo stage.

A flying model, or "mock-up," as the aircraft trade calls it—to try out the controls and general proportions—was built secretly, and everybody was almost on oath not to talk about it.

One day the small daughter of one of the senior technical staff came running in from school and announced, excitedly: "Oh, Daddy, I was told at school that the little bomber is going to fly to-day. Can I go and see it?" Collapse of Daddy who had been as mum as an oyster.

THE Blackburn Botha made its first public appearance, inconspicuously at an historic gathering of M.P.s and other privileged guests—and a lot of uninvited foreigners along the road outside—at Northolt Aerodrome a few weeks before the war.

We were shown—all the existing Service types in action. Afterwards, two unannounced twin-motor monoplanes appeared from nowhere and shot across the aerodrome at astonishing speeds.

By
Charles G. Grey
(Editor of "All the World's Aircraft")

Some of us knew that one of them was the Botha. The other was not. It is still unmentionable and is a very nice aeroplane.

The Botha, I see, is officially called a General Reconnaissance machine and not a twin-motor fighter or a medium bomber.

Reconnoitring means just looking around. The crew of the Botha will have to look pretty sharp if they are going to recognise much as they go by.

NATURALLY, much interest is taken in the Hawker Tornado and its new Rolls-Royce Vulture motor. And, naturally, one cannot say anything definite about its performance. But look at it this way.

You and everybody know how good the Hawker Hurricane has been, and the Supermarine Spitfire, and what terrific fire-power they have had compared with their enemies. They have had Rolls-Royce Merlins of 1,000 h.p., boosted to perhaps 1,200 h.p.

We have been told officially that the Vulture gives 2,000—which, naturally, is a conservative statement.

Now just think how much better than the Hurricane the Tornado must be to convince the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Aircraft Production that all the upset and the work of changing over to it is worth while.

That means millions of pounds spent on new jigs, new tools, new special materials, and the transference of millions (yes, really millions) of man-hours which might have been making more Hurricanes to the job of making Tornados.

TO MAKE ALL THAT WORTH WHILE, THE TORNADO MUST BE MUCH FASTER THAN THE TYPES WHICH IT REPLACES.

It must climb much higher in less time. It must have a much longer range. It must have much greater fire-power than just eight rifle-calibre machine-guns.

THE Westland Whirlwind is a well-tried warrior also. In fact, it is probably the most tried of the lot.

Round its native town it was long known as the "Cricky," because the local yokels twisted their necks as it went by after the manner of the people in the famous advertisement.

And now it is faster and better still. Beyond saying that it is a twin-motor fighter, one may, very probably, say nothing about it.

Of the Avro Manchester nothing may be said, except that it is a big bomber. A. V. Roe & Co. Ltd. have never built a bad aeroplane; for example, the long line of 304 Avro trainers, which ran to the "604" in its various types, taught all the world's air forces to fly, and the Avro Anson has done such amazing patrol and fighting with the Coastal Command R.A.F.

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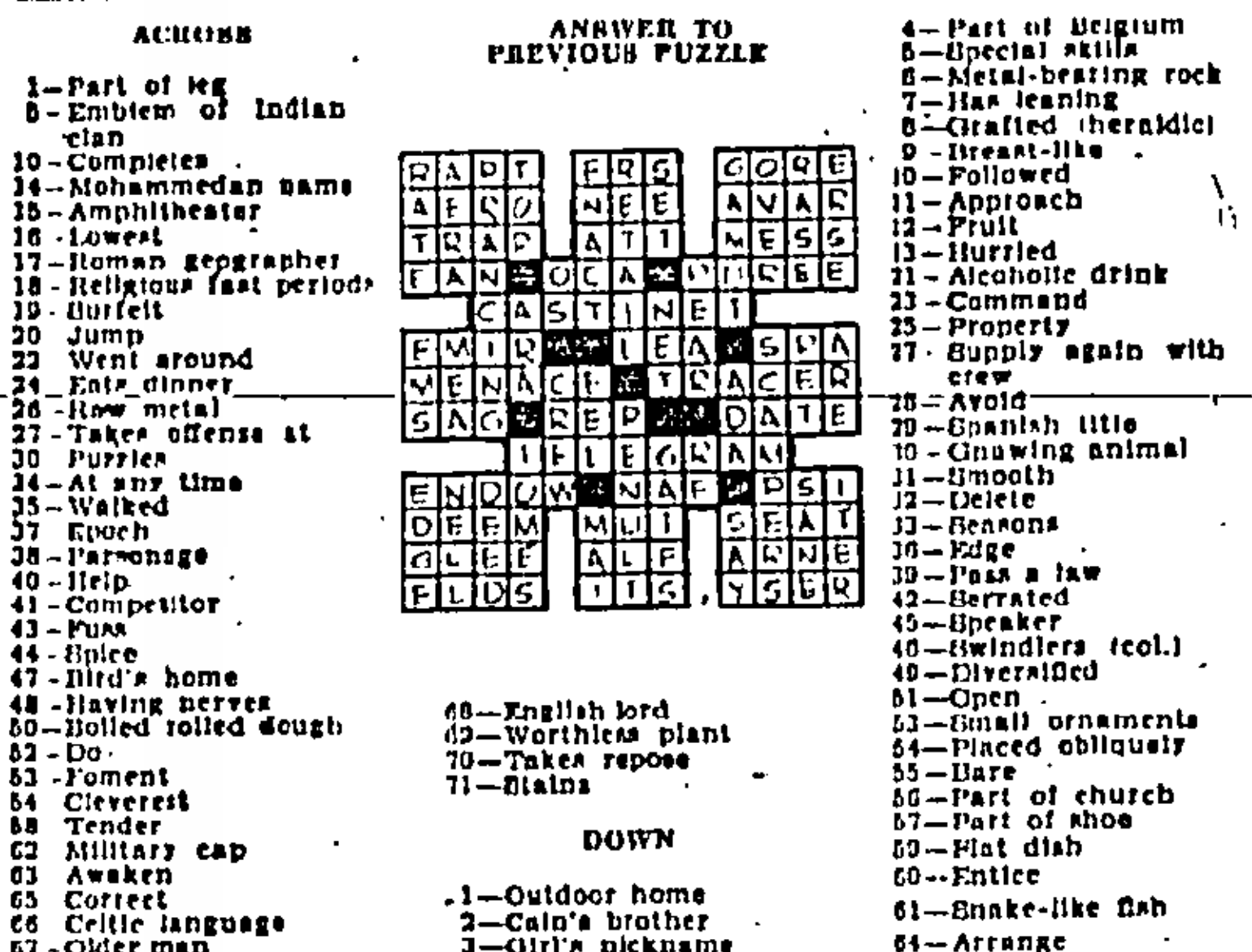
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS



SICK PARADE

THE Portsmouth Lad, who never complains of anything, and for whom no toil is too prolonged or arduous, is muttering a little. In fact, he is not well.

The lurid glow of a cigarette has been visible from his bed since five in the morning. He has been shaved and dressed since six-fifteen.

His "Swabbing Job"—that is, his allotted portion of hut-cleaning—has taken him a quarter of an hour: ten minutes too long.

Now he sits listlessly, and says:—

"Well! I don't know what to make of it."

"Make of what?" asks the Old Sweat.

"This," replies the Portsmouth Lad, and holds up a forefinger. It has changed overnight: it looks like a cucumber. "It's funny, but it sort of throbs."

"Blood-poisoning," cries the Old Sweat, with relief. A dozen soldiers crowd round, uttering admiring comments.

"Wicklow," says the Lad from the Elephant.

"That'll have to come off," says the Kid from Widnes.

"As long as it's not the trigger-finger," says the Good Boy from Godalming.

"Go sick," says the Old Sweat. "Toll the Orderly Sergeant to put you on the Sick Report. See the M.O. 'E'll fix it."

"I could tell him about me stomach at the same time," says the Portsmouth Lad. He brightens. "And me teeth."

The Orderly Sergeant takes down his name, age, religion, period of service, number, company, and other

Another extract from "Private Life of a Private," the diary of a journalist turned soldier.

details; urges him darkly to be on Sick Parade at 9.15, and not a second later; and goes out, gloomily carrying his Book.

The Portsmouth Lad, somewhat thrilled, goes to join the procession of sore heels, mysterious thumbs, unheard-of pains, cracked bones, imaginary lumbagos, severe colds, mild depressions, gritty eyes and fallen arches—the gently melancholy Sick Parade.

He returns an hour or so later, proudly exhibiting his finger bandaged to the size of a swivel roll, and smiling all over his amiable face.

Everybody instantly asks: "What did you get?"

"M and D," says Portsmouth, still beaming. "But we had a nice long chat. What a nice man that M.O. is! A Jock. All doctors are Jocks."

"This finger's nothing. He lanced it. He told me to rest it if I could. Then I told him about me stomach."

"He said 'What's the matter with it?' So I told him I didn't think I was digesting me food right. So he said 'Where do you feel the pain?'"

"Well!" asks the Kid from Widnes, who has a henwife's appetite for pathological conditions. "And where was the pain?"

"I told him," says Portsmouth, "that I didn't have no pain. Not

what might be called a pain kind of style. But I couldn't be digesting me food properly, because of me teeth."

"Then this here nice Jock doctor says 'Well, what's wrong with your teeth?' And I say 'Nothing. I had 'em seen to when first I come. They took out the bad 'uns and left me the good 'uns."

"So I'm twelve teeth shy," I says, and I sort of can't chew me food right kind of style."

"Anything else?" says the Jock doctor.

"Why, no, not that I can think of just at the moment," I tells him. So he tells me to go to the dental place about me teeth."

"I goes," continues Portsmouth, "and I says: 'I'm twelve teeth shy,' I says, 'and please, sir, will you do something?'"

"So the dental man looks at me teeth and says: 'They're as right as rain. It may spoil your beauty a bit in front, but nothing more than that.'"

"But," I tells him, "what about chewing me grub?"

"He tells me straight: 'The Army decides,' he says, 'that you have sufficient teeth to eat with. Therefore, you are chewing your food,' he tells me, 'and if you're not, then you jolly well ought to be.'"

"So I comes back.

"And it's a load off me mind. I don't mind telling you that I was beginning to be worried about them teeth, 'cause I sort of have to lie down on me side to get me back teeth to bear on the meat at dinner."

"But as long as I get the proper ones to chew with, God bless me, I'm satisfied."

The Lad from the Elephant, with a calculating look, has cornered the Orderly Sergeant.

"I dunno if I ought to go sick," he says. "Me nose is kind of runnin'."

"Ruddywell chase it," says the Orderly Sergeant.

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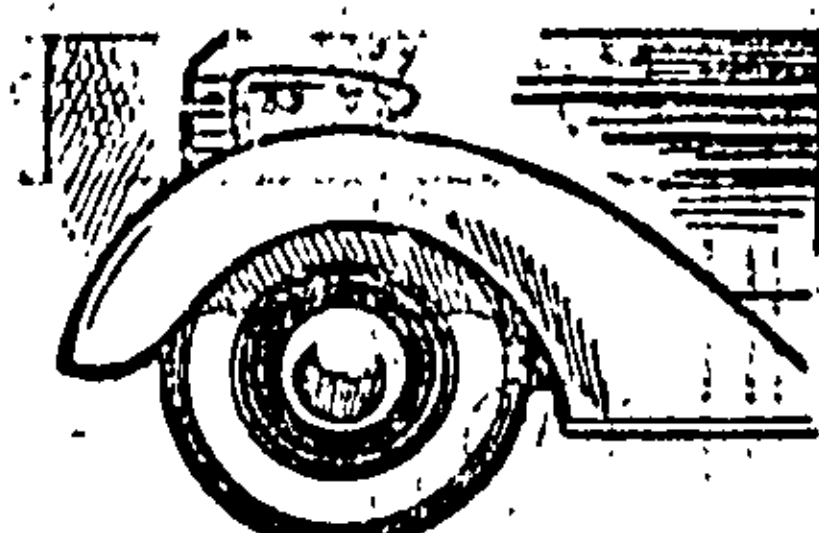
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JAPAN'S OPPORTUNITY

WHILE the Allied forces are being pressed back in the Balkans no excuse is needed for returning to the Far Eastern front to discover possible pro-democratic and pro-axis developments during this fateful year. Spain and French North Africa represent the western flank of the Empire's world-wide war set-up; the Far East is the opposite flank. To keep these strategic positions passive is as important just now as winning a war in the centre, that is, in the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

Overmuch importance need not be given to the Japanese successes at Ningpo and Foochow; the astounding thing is that these ports have been allowed to serve the Chinese so well for so long. Like a new broom the recently-appointed Commanders-in-Chief in China, General Hata and Admiral Shimada, have aspired to infuse life into the decaying expeditionary forces. Their achievements from Kwonghoi in the south to Foochow in the north have been little more than manoeuvres to blood fresh troops.

In Tokyo most voices have been harmonised recently to one key; finish off the China Incident first. The fact that this sentiment has not been backed up by reinforcements seems to confirm a growing impression that Japan is willing to seek a political solution, meanwhile keeping the military threat to the fore by savage slashes into the weak but resilient line of the Chinese armies and foraging expeditions into unexploited territory.

If a suitable intermediary can be found peace can be restored to Asia before the invaders and the invaded get inextricably caught up in the turmoils of the European octopus. Britain does not want an extension of the conflict in which she is engaged. The Chinese cannot hope to win back every inch of their territory by arms; North China they must regain by the assimilative powers that have consigned previous conquerors to oblivion. They have a right to demand a gradual but complete

WHY I SUPPORT THE WAR

DOWN to and including the time of Munich, I supported the policy of conciliation. In this I was in agreement with the majority of my countrymen.

I went further than the majority in believing that war should, at this moment in history, be avoided, however great the provocation. I changed later through the influences of the same events that changed Chamberlain, Lord Lothian, Lord Halifax, and most of the previous advocates of peace. In view of what has happened since, it would seem that it might have been better for the world if Germany had been opposed at an earlier stage; but I still think that the arguments for the policy of conciliation were very strong. These arguments, as I saw them, were three.

First Germany had been treated with abominable injustice at Versailles and afterwards; what the Nazis demanded was no more than Germany had a right to claim—equality with other nations, and union under the German flag of all populations that so desired.

Second: It was expected by all the experts that a new great war, if it occurred, would be far more horrible than the last. So far... the war, dreadful as it is, has not been as bad as was feared. This may cease to be true at any moment if a large-scale attempt at invasion is made; perhaps the horror has been only postponed to the moment that best suited Hitler's plans.

But in the case of aerial attacks on Great Britain, it seems clear that he has done his utmost; and this has been enormously less destructive than had been predicted in the most authoritative prognostications, the reason being, apparently, that defence against aerial attacks has made very great progress during the last few years.

On the other hand, the fate of subject populations, more particularly in Poland, has been a good deal worse than had seemed probable.

On both these grounds the arguments for armed resistance to German ambitions have been shown to be stronger than they appeared to be before the war began.

Third: I feared that, if once there was war, the issue, whatever was nominally victorious, would be military dictatorship. It was obvious that, for the duration of the war, every beligerent Government would need



By Bertrand Russell

Lord Russell, distinguished philosopher and writer, one time pacifist, who now lives in the United States, has expressed these views in a letter to the "New York Times."

dictatorial powers, and it was still refuses to state—will far from certain that, if the probably be found, if we win, to previously democratic nations have contained an element of won, they would re-establish democracy when peace had been concluded.

There came a moment—some will say one moment, some another—when it became evident that Germany would destroy the independence of the democracies one by one if they did not combine in armed defence. From that moment the only hope for democracy was war.

Before the war began it might have seemed preposterous to suppose that Hitler could aim at world domination. Now it seems probable that he does so, and his success is sufficiently possible to call for the utmost vigour in resistance.

I know that the war, even if it ends in victory, involves very some step, less, ineffective than the League of Nations, may be taken toward the Federation of the World.

I DEPLORE the short-sighted illiberality of British policy in India, particularly the harsh imprisonment of such a man as Nehru. I scarcely dare to hope that the world after the war will be a good world, if we win, but if we lose it will be hell, probably for a long time to come.

It is a tragic alternative, but it must be met with such hope as the times permit and with a determination that in winning the war we shall not lose what we are fighting for.

There is one hope that is important, and, I think, not Utopian. It is the hope that at the end of the war some step, less, ineffective than the League of Nations, may be taken toward the Federation of the World.

941 and all that

by William Barkley

TURN the scroll of history and pin-point it at the year 941.

ITALY. Sicily is occupied by the Saracens, Southern Italy by the Greeks; the rest governed by myriad dukes, marquises, counts, many of them descendants of barbarian hordes who destroyed city walls. Now the rival lords, fearing one another, are arming their vassals and founding hundreds of city States.

German bandit dukes descend on them. But they are overwhelmed by the biggest German of all, mightiest man in Europe, Otto the First, King of Germany, soon to be crowned by the Pope in Rome as King of Italy too.

The Greeks advance and ravage Benevento. The Germans defeat them, cutting off the right hands, ears and noses of Greek prisoners. Otto brings galleys with him, establishing colonies of Germans in every Italian city to counterpoise the locals, who are now pillaged by Germans instead of Norse, Huns and Saracens.

Luna, a town between Pisa and Genoa, remembers the Baltic pirate Hastings, who, pillaging the coasts of France and Spain, was refused a landing. Hastings "died." There was lamentation in his ships. His "corpse," brought ashore for Christian burial, sprang to life. He massacred bishop, clergy and soldiers; then cursed his luck. He thought he had captured Rome, but it was Luna.

GERMANY. Every duke and earl in turn has rebelled against King Otto, but he has mastered

withdrawal of Japanese garrisons elsewhere. An armistice period, of say eighteen months would suffice for trade treaties and the status of treaty ports to be settled and Chinese authority reasserted firmly but without recrimination. With the additional assurance to other Powers that further expansion in Asia would be economic and not military, Japan could help to open the vista of peace and prosperity to which she and other nations in the Far East are entitled.

Slavs ravaged Prussia, Huns and Tartars pillaged Bavaria. Norse laid waste the Rhine.

FRANCE. Saracens hold the south, Norse the north, Germans the west. In what is left of France warring barons fight, murder and massacre.

The Norse desperadoes still joke of Rollo, who, becoming a French duke, had to do homage to French King Charles by kissing his foot. Rollo refused, but ordered one of his men to act for him. The soldier, as proud as his chief, lifted the king's foot and tipped the King of France from his throne amid the horse-laughter of Rollo.

SPAIN. Two kingdoms, Leon and Castile, are held by the Saracens with Spanish dukes and people in constant revolt



them. The Huns descended on him at Augsburg, aided by rebel Conrad who, raising his helmet to breathe in the heat of the battle, was killed by an arrow in his throat. The Huns were hunted like wild beasts, and they and the rebels, when caught, were burned alive in quicklime.

and bloodshed. The kings in turn war on rebellious nobles so numerous that for a century even their names are not recorded. Norsemen ravaged the coast.

PORTUGAL. Ruled entirely by Saracens, who have maintained the ancient Roman municipalities. But in the mountains of Asturias there are hungry tribes of Goths soon to descend and crush Moors and natives alike.

RUMANIA. A Finnish tribe, the Magyars, have just seized this land. Rumanians call in the Tartars, who beat Magyars and Rumanians too, turning them out of land and property, ruling from the Danube to the Don.

RUSSIA. This giant land is convulsed internally and assailed by countless hordes of Tartar horsemen. Even so its King Igor, like Russians of all ages has his eye on Constantinople. That great city is the capital of what is left of the Roman Empire, and throughout its lands in Greece and Asia Minor there is that strange state—peace.

Igor collects 10,000 small craft with forty men aboard each, and sails, precisely in the year 941 for Constantinople. He burns and ravages Thrace and Bulgaria. No-

thing escapes that fire and sword can destroy. But the Greek fleet and the "Roman" army destroy Igor's force, and he takes not one-third of his men back to Russia.

POLAND. Here is a haven of peace. Mieczyslaw, first Christian Duke of Poland, has abolished paganism and established his mild rule without bloodshed. His father was of a peaceful disposition, too, and it is said to this period in Poland. "For this honourable reason his reign furnishes no materials for history."

CHINA. Here, too, was peace. They are playing with a new toy invented by one Fung-tau.

This man had cut figures in reverse in wood, pressed them on ink and stamped them on paper. That was printing, and soon literary examinations are being held for entry into the Chinese Imperial civil service. They are just starting a new fashion of binding the feet of female infants.

ENGLAND. Last year (940) King Athelstan died. He was crowned in Kingston-on-Thames market place, king of an area not much bigger than the home counties. He first had the idea of a United Kingdom of Great Britain. A Dane rules from Tees to Forth. He dies; Athelstan takes his title.

The Dane's son Olaf raises an army in Ireland and lands at the Humber from 730 ships. Olaf poses as a minstrel, wanders through the English camp, marks Athelstan's quarters. Athelstan moves and his quarters are taken by the Bishop of Selborne, who with his suite is murdered in a night foray by Olaf.

Somewhere perhaps in that English camp are the ancestors of Mr Cordell Hull whose New World is not to be discovered for just five centuries and one year.

No man in 941 could have fixed this pin-point of knowledge set down here. Men could not then see beyond their noses because they lacked books in these bloody, turbulent times.

Printing is our spy-glass which they did not possess. Looking back, in the year 1780 Gibbon wrote: "The experiences of 4,000 years should enlarge our hopes and diminish our apprehensions. The arts can never be lost. Every age of the world has increased and still increases the real wealth, the happiness, the knowledge and perhaps the virtue of the human race."

A few years later the French Revolution knocked Gibbon's settled world to pieces, giving birth to that new ordered freedom which we in our day now defend.

VIVID STORY OF BRITISH FLEET AND AIR ACTION IN NORTH AFRICA

(By "Reuter" With Mediterranean Fleet)

ABOARD FLAGSHIP OF BATTLE FLEET, Apr. 23.—For 50 minutes, I watched battleships and light units of the Mediterranean Fleet plaster Italy's main North African port of Tripoli with 553 tons of shells.

The bombardment which began shortly after dawn on Monday was the heaviest of the war. The results so far confirmed from air observation include hits on destroyer berths with one destroyer badly damaged, five merchant ships burned out or sunk, and at least four others hit and set on fire.

The Spanish quay, which was one of the principal objects of the bombardment, received two 15-inch salvos with two further probable direct hits from 15-inch guns.

This was followed by ten minutes of continuous hits from lighter armaments, resulting in the destruction of warehouses and offices. Further damage was done to a power station, railway station and army stores depot while a large building, thought to be the army headquarters, was seen to collapse. Finally a large fire blazed following hits on an oil fuel depot.

Fleet Air Arm

Apart from these successes, pilots of the Fleet Air Arm also scored heavily during the five days that we had been at sea. They shot down two shadowing planes and four large German troop transports and forced down into the sea and badly damaged a large Dornier flying boat.

During the operations, we lost only one fighter. Otherwise there were no damage or casualties.

The operation for which we went to sea ostensibly was to cover certain convoys which were successfully carried out. It was not until the third day at sea that the Commander of this ship announced his intention to bombard Tripoli early the following morning.

Our first two days at sea were entirely uneventful. We were joined by other units of the Fleet which a few days previously had carried out a bombardment of the Circumcled coast and sunk the merchantmen with their escort of five destroyers in the Central Mediterranean.

New Type Shot Down

On the morning of the third day, the Fleet Air Arm had its first success when one of Italy's newest types of planes was shot down. The same afternoon, a formation of three large slow-moving planes, presumably en route to Benghazi from Sicily, was sighted astern. British fighters immediately gave chase, whereupon two more enemy planes were sighted. All proved to be Junkers 52's—large triplane-engineered troop-carrying planes. The combat was too distant for me to watch but I learned afterwards that the fighters shot down four of the planes before running out of ammunition. It was in this fight that one of our fighters was lost.

Submarine Reported

Towards dusk that day, a submarine was reported in the neighbourhood and British destroyers dropped depth charges for over an hour but no effects were observed. Meanwhile preparations had been made for the next day's bombardment. Decks were cleared of all unnecessary gear. Pictures, shelves, book-cases and doors were all stripped from the ward-room.

So far, we had been extremely lucky and had not received any air attacks. When darkness fell, the enemy was apparently still entirely unaware of our intentions. At nightfall, we altered our course, moving full speed ahead for Tripoli.

Air Attack On Tripoli

While still two hours distant from Tripoli, we could see violent anti-aircraft fire and flaming oil tanks as the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm had already begun their attack, engaging the port's defences while we took up position for the bombardment. We also passed a fully illuminated hospital ship about ten miles from Tripoli, but it is very unlikely that she saw the blacked-out battle fleet as the moon had not yet risen.

Although the raid carried out by the British planes had failed to start any big fires, the large number of green, blue, yellow and white flaming oil tanks sent up by the Tripoli defenders provided an ample guide as we approached. For half an hour I watched the intermittent barrage against our aircraft as we gradually crept near the shore.

Solitary Searchlight

A solitary Italian searchlight tried to pick out the encircling aircraft which continuously dropped bombs and flares.

Half an hour before the naval bombardment was due to begin, I left the flight deck from which I was watching the progress of the raid and climbed into the after 15-inch control tower which was my action station. It was a most eerie watch in this small circular control tower, situated immediately above the 15-inch after gun turrets. The only light came from the instrument panels and the glare from the slowly dropping flares through the narrow observation slits.

Wearing white helmets and long white gauntlets, we waited for the zero hour, 5 a.m. The sea was dead calm. The slowly moving ships sent out long ripples as they took up their positions, preceded by destroyers.

The last quarter moon appeared just over the horizon dead astern. Visibility ahead had been good as we approached within 11,000 yards of the shore, but owing to the preliminary bombing, the raid had thrown up clouds of dust and smoke.

First Salvo

It was, nevertheless, possible to pick out a large two-funnel ship lying in the harbour before our first salvo crashed into the town, sending up large volumes of dust. That was the signal for all ships to open fire.

We hardly seemed to move as we drifted past the target, firing on almost the same bearing for 25 minutes. Throughout this period, no opposition was encountered. All efforts of the defenders appeared to be centred on shooting down the numerous flares which the British planes were dropping in batches of 12, lighting up the town.

An unceasing stream of multi-coloured flaming oil tanks rose from the smoke-smothered town. They looked like broken necklaces, leaving strange patterns in the sky as they floated up in a gigantic firework display.

Soon not only the whole coastline but also the dim forms of ships astern were completely blotted out by a pall of smoke, but the British gunners had their range.

Shore Batteries Open

After 25 minutes, we altered course and swung our guns to starboard. Not till then did the enemy shore batteries open fire on us. All our ships continued firing for a further 25 minutes until 5.50.

Flashes were now visible from two shore batteries and there was an unpleasant sound of shells whistling overhead.

As the bombardment progressed, spotting became more difficult and we did not learn the full results until late that afternoon. My last impression of Tripoli as we drew away was a solid blanket of smoke and sand. Flumes and dense columns of smoke were rising into the sky as an oil fuel depot blazed furiously.

Seven-Mile Range

Our firing range was about seven miles and one ship alone fired over 150 tons of shells into the port.

With less than two hours in which to withdraw from the Tripoli coast, we prepared for a most unpleasant day. We did not expect to sit down for a midday meal and the ships' cooks had been busy the previous evening, preparing Cornish pastries for picnic luncheons, but the immediate retaliation that we expected did not materialise.

We sighted an enemy seaplane, which our fighters promptly destroyed, and a large Dornier flying boat which was forced down on the sea and took off again, only to be forced back into the sea badly damaged.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, as we were hastening towards our base, three Junkers 88's came over but before they reached gun range, our fighters had intercepted them. One was shot down and the port engine of a second was set on fire.

NAZI BARON

Aviator Jumps Bail In America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (UP).—The State Department revealed today, following an investigation, that Baron Franz von Werra has taken flight to Peru.

Unofficial circles speculated on whether or not this would result in a request for the withdrawal of one or more German officials in the United States who are involved in von Werra's bond jumping.

Attorney General Robert Jackson has ordered the border guards to turn back any escaping war prisoners who may be attempting to enter the United States from Canada "with whatever force necessary" as a result of the "flagrant abuse of American neutral hospitality" by von Werra who escaped from a Canadian prison train but was placed in custody in the United States where he was being held pending deportation proceedings.

The German Consul General posted a \$10,000 bond. Von Werra fled from the United States about April 4.

Both are bringing large detachments.

Troops For Manila

MANILA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The United States troop transports, Mariposa and Washington, are expected to arrive in Manila, the first about May 6 and the second later.

Both are bringing large detachments.

Axis Forbids Reports On Leaders Movements

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 23 (UP).—An official German-Italian joint announcement was read to the foreign correspondents today stating that henceforth the foreign press in Berlin and Rome would be prohibited from sending any reports, unless officially announced or released in press conferences, regarding trips or meetings between Hitler and Mussolini or Ribbentrop and Ciano or high military officials of both countries, or meetings between any of the foregoing with representatives of a third Power.

New Raid On Nazi Battleships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that two attacks were made on Brest last night where the German battle cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are taking shelter.

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MATSUOKA NOT ASKED TO LONDON

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).

Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, did not receive an invitation from the British Government to visit the United Kingdom during his visit to Europe, declared Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, at question time in the House of Commons today.

Mr Eden added that the House had no doubt seen Mr Matsuoka's statement to the press about the purpose of his visit to Europe.

Ambassador's Job

Commander Bower is Mr Eden satisfied that Mr Matsuoka is obtaining enough and not too much information about our war effort through the medium of the Japanese Ambassador?

Mr Eden: I cannot answer for the exercise of the ambassadorial functions of other states. I feel sure that the Japanese Ambassador does his task.

Red Cross Ship Attacked

HAIFA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—A British hospital ship carrying wounded German and Italian prisoners arrived here today. It is reported that the vessel was seen to be deliberately dive-bombed by five Nazi planes while embarking both enemy and British wounded at a Libyan harbour.

Captured German airmen said that they had been ordered to attack anything and everything they found. All five dive-bombers were shot down by the harbour defences.

Nazis In Cuba

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—A Nazi spy organisation has been discovered in Cuba and a number of people arrested, including a man said to be officer in the German Army, according to a report reaching here.

ITALIAN TERMS OF SURRENDER

Greeks To Become Prisoners

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The agreement on the capitulation of the Greek forces in the Epirus and Macedonia, issued to-night by the Italian High Command, reads:

(1) The High Command of the Italian forces and armies in Albania and the High Command of the German troops in Greece accept the unconditional surrender of the Greek forces.

(2) Troops belonging to the Greek Army of the Epirus and Macedonia are prisoners of war. In view of the valor displayed by the Greek troops on the battlefield and the fact that they safeguarded their military honour, Greek Officers shall keep their swords and equipment.

Return of Prisoners

All Italian prisoners of war in the territory of the Greek Army of the Epirus and Macedonia must immediately return to the Italian troops. Greek prisoners will meanwhile be assembled in concentration camps. After the conclusion of military operations in continental Greece and the Ionian Islands, the question will be considered of releasing all officers and men.

(3) The Greek High Command shall arrange for Greek detachments to remain under their officers and shall take early measures to carry out their capitulation. Supplies, and services for Greek prisoners shall for the start be maintained by the Greek High Command.

Spoils of War

(4) The arms and all war material and reserves of the Armies of the Epirus and Macedonia, including aviation material, shall constitute spoils of war.

(5) The High Command of the Greek troops shall employ all means immediately to bring hostilities to an end and prevent all damage and destruction of war material and supplies and see that the roads in its territory are repaired without delay.

Signed Near Salonika

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The armistice between Axis troops and Greek forces, which surrendered, came into force at 6 o'clock this afternoon, states the German news agency. The armistice was signed near Salonika.

It is estimated that between 10 and 12 Greek divisions have surrendered in the Epirus and Macedonia.

Main Greek Army Remains Intact

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—It is believed here that the surrender of the Epirus Army does not affect the main Greek force.

Italian Statement

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).

The official Italian news agency says that the surrendered forces number between 16 and 18 divisions—the greater part of the Greek army.

Albanian Frontier Forces

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Authentic figures of the extent of the Greek capitulation are not yet forthcoming.

The military commentator of the official Vichy French news service says that 100,000 Greeks have surrendered, including the crack troops engaged on the Albanian frontier since December. He claims that this accounts for the greater part of General Papagos's forces and leaves only a few Greek units in the line co-operating with the British forces. The commentator thinks that the surrender lays open an area bounded by the Pindus Mountains and the Gulf of Patras on the Ionian Sea.

Confidence In Wavell Remains

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).

A categorical assurance that, despite any rumours to the contrary, General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, enjoys the full confidence of the Government and has suffered no curtailment whatever of his powers of direction in the Middle East and the Balkans, was made by Lord Moyne in the House of Lords today.

The honour in question was mentioned by Lord Ellbank, who said that it arose from General Sir John Dill's recent visit to the Middle East.

Lord Moyne, in reply, pointed out that General Dill's visit was in accordance with normal practice, under which personal contact between the highest military authorities at home and in the field is consistently maintained.

STOCK EXCHANGE Caution Main Feature

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange today was very cautious. Apart from a little lowering of gilt-edged prices, changes were few and business was idle.

Industrials ruled fairly steady while oils and home rails also were about unchanged. Among the Kafirs, non-producers were occasionally offered.

Spanish 4 per cent. bonds declined from 42 to 38 1/2. Japanese and Greek were also dull but Egyptian holdings were higher.

Wall Street was dull.

SAVED FROM SEA

FUNCHAL, MADEIRA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Twenty-one survivors from the British steamer Aurillac sunk by enemy action, landed here in a lifeboat which was towed to port by Portuguese fishermen. Search for a second lifeboat is proceeding.

CHINESE NEW ENVOYS POSTED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 23 (Central News).—It is officially stated that Dr V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France, and Dr Wei Tuo-ming, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, have been named Chinese Ambassadors to Britain and France respectively.

Dr Koo was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Acting Premier 1922-4, Minister of Finance and then Minister of Foreign Affairs and Premier 1926-7, Minister for Foreign Affairs, December, 1931, Chinese Assessor to the Lytton Commission of Inquiry, January-September, 1932, and has been Minister and then Ambassador to France since October, 1932.

Dr Wei Tuo-ming was Minister of Justice, 1928-9, and Mayor of Nanking, April, 1930 to December, 1931. Dr Qao Tai-chi, Foreign Minister-Designate, is expected to arrive in Chungking toward the latter part of May when he will assume his new post.

Bomb Expert Blinded

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—One of Lord Beaverbrook's "Back Room Boys"—the trio who in virtual obscurity devised the R.A.F.'s implements of aggression—has been blinded, temporarily it is hoped.

This disclosure was made in the course of Lord Beaverbrook's statement in the House of Lords today, reviewing the R.A.F. expansion. He is Air Commodore Huskinson, whom Lord Beaverbrook in a broadcast on March 23, described as the designer of "big bombs, fat bombs, thin bombs and beautiful bombs."

Left Shelter

During the fierce blitz against London on April 16, Air Commodore Huskinson left his shelter and stood watching the effects of bomb explosions. Unhappily, said Lord Beaverbrook, an explosion resulted in the loss of his sight, but "I am glad to say that there is some prospect of his sight being restored shortly, and we are anxiously awaiting his return to the Ministry."

French Wheat Crops Increase

VICHY, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—An increase in wheat crops both in Occupied and Unoccupied France, from 7,800,000 acres in 1940 to 10,000,000 acres in 1941, was announced in a speech at Limoges by the Vichy Secretary of Agriculture, M. Caljol.

The Minister added that through the dearth of foodstuffs the rearing of cattle had proved insufficient, amounting to 40,000,000 quintals equivalent to the sustenance of 1,200,000 cattle.

M. Caljol thanked agricultural workers for having made the spectre of famine less threatening.

AXIS NOT READY FOR TURKEY YET

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian Minister in Ankara has assured the Turkish Government that the occupation of the Greek port of Dedeagach by Bulgarian troops implied no hostile intention towards Turkey, according to an Istanbul dispatch to the Free French Agency.

The Agency also reports that part of the British colony in Aisin arrived on the island of Chios off the coast of Asia Minor.

Papen To Return

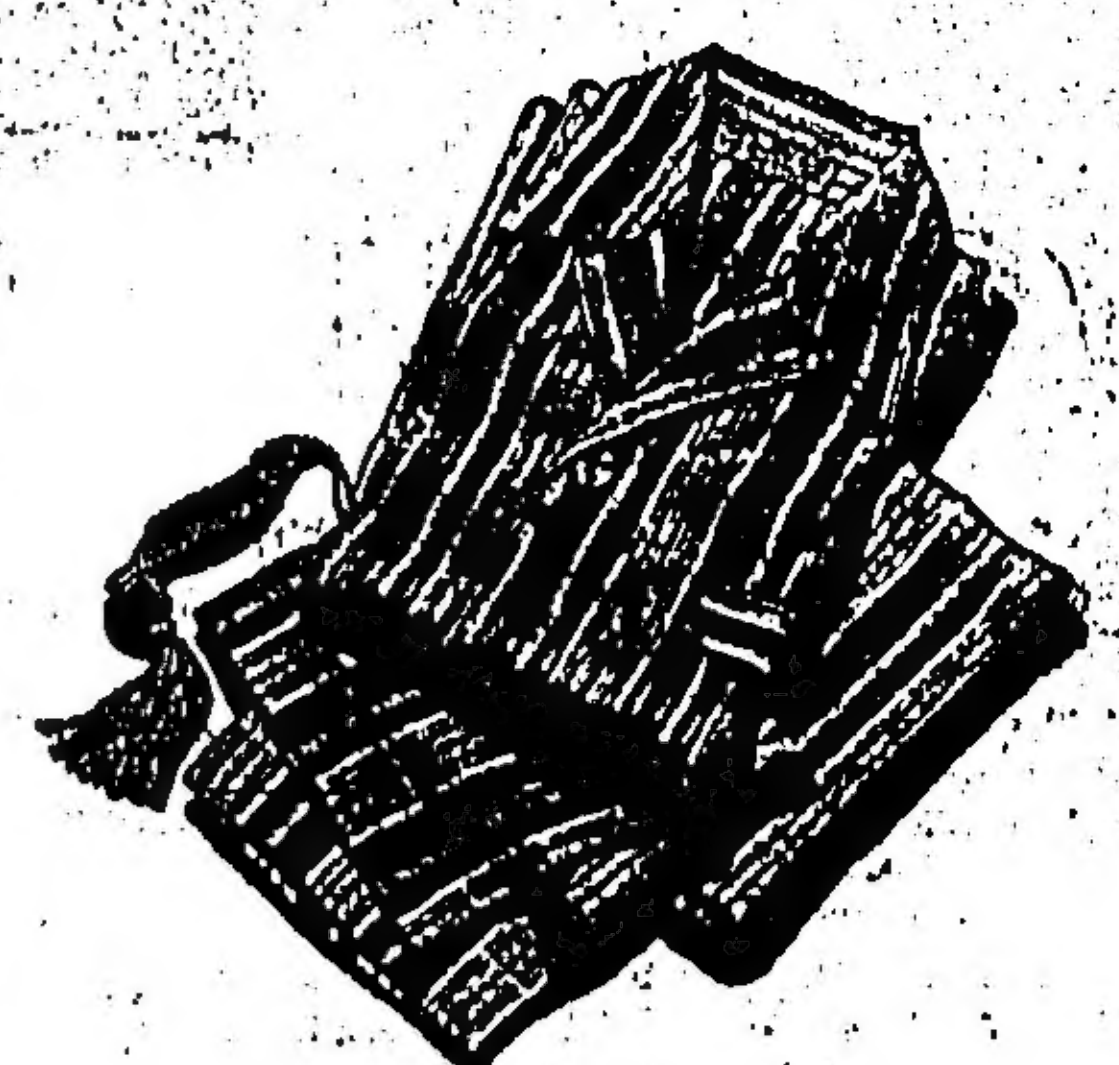
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Apr. 23 (UP).—German quarters stated they expected the Nazi Ambassador, Colonel von Papen, to return early next week, at a time to coincide with the occupation of Athens in order to give the German demands the maximum psychological effect.

BOMBER FUND

A total of \$1,000,000 was reached yesterday by the War Fund, inaugurated by the B. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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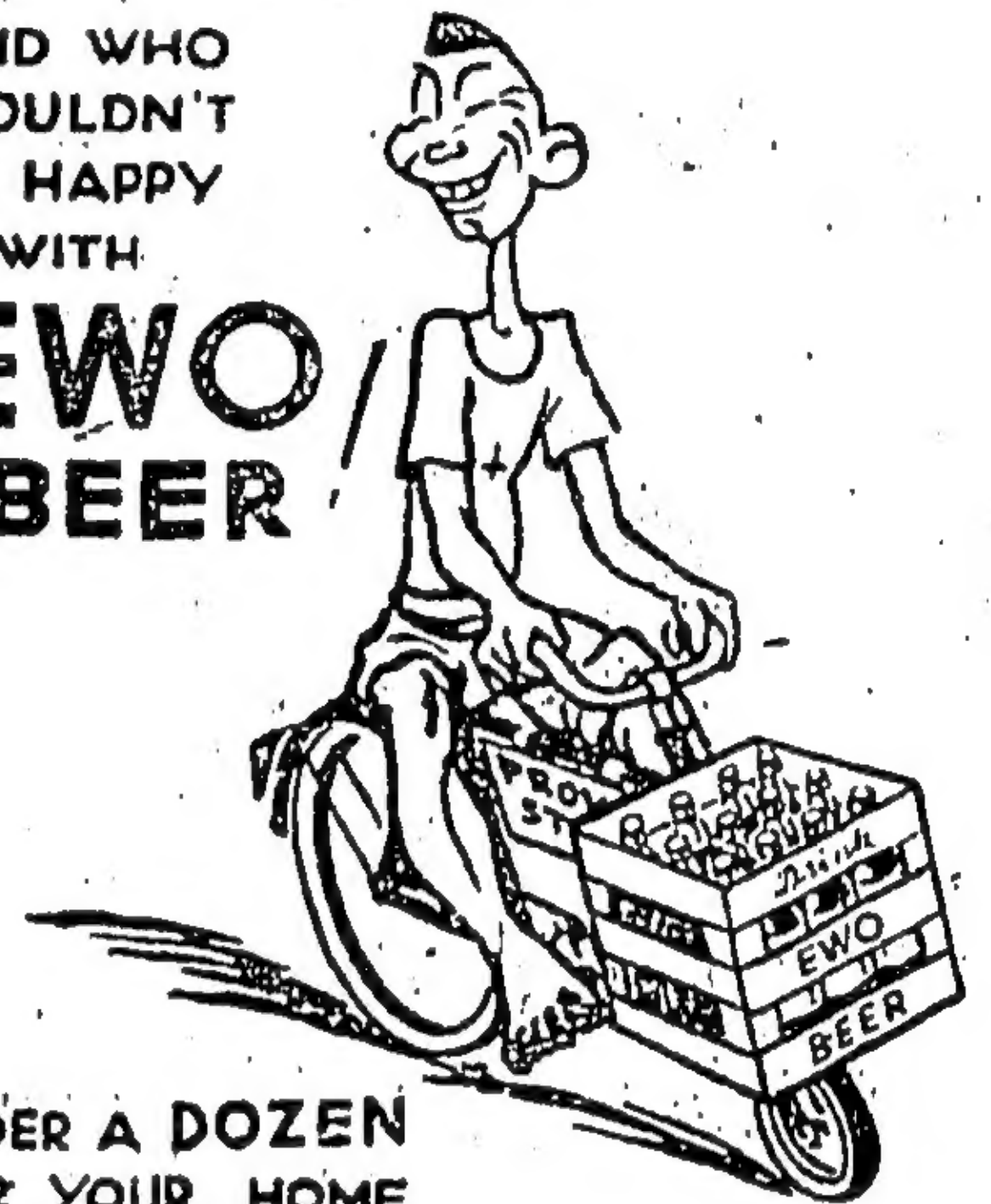
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

1940-41 Season Comes To Its Close

Six-a-side Tourney At King's Park On Sunday

Only 14 Entries To Date

THE 1940-41 SEASON comes to a close next Sunday when the second annual Six-a-side Tournament will be played at King's Park, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

Only fourteen teams have submitted their entries so far, but more may be expected before Saturday. Should less than twenty teams participate, four grounds will be required—these will be the Navy, the Y.M.C.A., the C.B.A. and Recreio grounds.

Tennis Postponed

The Hongkong Cricket Club ground is in a sodden state and unfit for use. The Singles tennis semi-final, therefore, between Tsui Wai-pui and S. A. Rum-jahn, arranged for this afternoon, has been postponed.

Major Baseball

N. Y. Giants Nose Out Boston Braves

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (UP).—New York Giants to-day nosed out the Boston Braves, 5-4 in the National League. Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 4-2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
New York	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Bowman, Lohman, Danning,				
Boston	9	8	1	1	1
Batteries:	Frickson, Garnett, Javery,				
St. Louis	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Johnson, Berres, Mast,				
Philadelphia	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Pearson, Podgajny,				
Brooklyn	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Wyatt and Owen,				
Chicago	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Walters, Lombardi,				
Pittsburgh	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Erickson, Olsen, McCullough,				
St. Louis	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Butcher, Dietz, Lopez, Davis,				
St. Louis	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Graham, W. Cooper,				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					
Boston	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Wagner, Pylak,				
New York	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Gomez, Dickey,				
Washington	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Chase, Zuber, Carrasquel,				
Philadelphia	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Potter, A. Johnson, Ferrick,				
Chicago	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Hallert, Grove, Humphries,				
St. Louis	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Newhouse, Tebbetts,				
St. Louis	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Niggeling, Budd, Caster,				
Cleveland	11	10	1	1	1
Batteries:	Keller, Hemsley,				

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSN. SPORTS MEETING

THE ANNUAL SPORTS meeting of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association will be held at the South China A.A. stadium, Caroline Hill, on Saturday, April 26. His Excellency the Governor will attend, and Lady MacGregor will distribute the prizes.

The activities of this Association are for the betterment of social conditions in Hongkong. It was formed five years ago, and now boasts of 20 Clubs, at which a total of 595 girls and 648 boys attend.

The children are from the poorest families in the Colony, and in entering to their education, moral, physical and general, the Association is

The final will be played on the "Y" pitch. Entries to date are as follows:

Royal Signals (two teams), C.B.A. (three teams), Middlesex Regiment (two teams), Destroyers (one team), Khalsa (two teams), Nomads (one team), and 5th A.A. "A" (three teams).

The Police, runners-up to Recreio in the H.K.I.A. Tournament, are unable to field a side as they will be visiting Macao, while the champions are unable to turn out owing to injuries to several of their players.

Some interesting games should be seen during the course of the afternoon.

Rules

FOR the benefit of Umpires and players, the rules of the competition are as appended below: The game shall be played in accordance with the usual rules of Hockey, with the following exceptions:—

(a) The teams shall consist of six players each, the formation of the team being entirely optional, e.g. goalkeeper, two backs and three forwards, or a kicking back, two halves or three forwards, or any other arrangement desired.

(b) The duration of the game shall be two periods of six minutes each with no interval, not more than one minute being allowed for goalkeepers to change ends. The final shall be two periods of ten minutes each with three minutes interval.

(c) The timekeeper will blow his whistle one minute before the time of starting each game. Any team not on the pitch ready for the game at the time indicated in the programme will be disqualified.

(d) Penalty bullets will not be awarded under any circumstances. (e) The usual off-side rules shall apply with the substitution of TWO opponents for THREE.

(f) The winners shall be the team scoring the greater number of goals, or if these are equal, (i) the team having the greatest number of short corners awarded them, or if these are equal, (ii) the team having the greatest number of long corners awarded them, or if these are equal, (iii) the result shall be decided by the position of the ball at "full time" while the team in whose half of the field the ball is situated being the losers.

Note:—A goal scored as a result of a corner, automatically washes out that corner.

fulfilling one of the greatest needs of the Colony.

Funds, in the main, are dependent on the generosity of Colony residents, and though last year showed a gratifying increase in these, expenditure, too, has shown an increase not only in the growth of new Clubs, but through the widening of their spheres of activity.

Appeal is made for the continued generosity of those already contributing, and to others to whom the movement has not yet made itself sufficiently known. It is a most deserving cause.

Donations may be made to Mr Kwok Chan, the Banque de l'Indo Chine, who is Hon. Treasurer, and who will gladly acknowledge such receipts.

Badminton Championship Ties To-night

P. H. Wong v. M. P. Young

FURTHER SEMI-FINAL matches in the Open Badminton Championship will be played this evening at Kowloon Cricket Club. The programme will be as follows:

8.30 p.m.—P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Mixed Doubles).

9 p.m.—T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier (Junior Doubles).

9.30 p.m.—P. H. Wong and M. P. Young.

All three matches should be very close, though main interest will no doubt be centred on the last match of the evening. Odds will be in Wong's favour, though he has not been showing up very well this year. Young is too inclined to the spectacular to be reliable.

P. K. Hooi and Miss Khoo have a stiff hurdle in the Recreio pair, but should manage to win, while in the Junior Doubles odds will be in favour of Young and Fung, for though Pereira has shown excellent form to date, Xavier has hardly been up to form.

H.K. Boy Does Well In Victoria Schools Aquatic Meet

D. ANDREWS, young son of Inspector A. Andrews of the Peak Tramway Company and former C.B.S. boy, did well in the Victoria Schools annual swimming meet which was held on March 21.

Swimmers from all Australian Schools in Victoria took part in this meet, and D. Andrews took first place in the diving event for boys between the ages of 13 and 15.

He also came third in the Under 15 Boys 100 metres Championship, and though he qualified for the 100 metres free-style race for boys between 14 and 15, he did not take part in the race as he was absent when the names were called.

"Y" Athletics

A meeting of European Y.M.C.A. members interested in Athletics (track and field) will be held in the West Lounge of the Y.M.C.A. to-morrow at 6 p.m. to form a committee and make plans for this new section.

Macao Lyceum and the Hongkong University hockey teams that met in a friendly game at Pokfulam last week, when the visiting team won 1-0.

Requirements Of An Ideal Hockey Captain

THE IDEAL CAPTAIN is born, though one may attain a near equivalent through long experience with the management of a team, and the importance of selecting a leader who has the power to command and instruct cannot be over-estimated.

One often sees a captain going through a game without any remark or suggestion to his side, though he has possibly seen several instances of faulty passing, poor tactics and even cases of extreme selfishness.

Players who have not the inborn intuition to lead should not accept the position, and the policy of making one's best player the captain is a blunder of the first magnitude.

The good "skipper" should not be the bullying autocrat; he should instil into his side a spirit of esprit de corps. Through strength of character he can prevent incidents on the field by the exercise of firmness and tact. In all this a passive captain fails, for he must lead or fail.

It is when things are going against his side that his initiative and knowledge should be shown. A hint here and there, a change of position or plan, encouragement to this or that player and an ability to appreciate the respective temperaments of his men are big assets. On and off the field he should be leader.

Team Spirit

SUFFICIENT attention is seldom paid, either by the captain or by his team, to the way in which the best can be brought out of the side. Too often a team is merely a collection of eleven individuals, out for an afternoon's exercise and enjoyment, who do not consider as much as they might the best way to get the utmost out of the side, not only with a view to winning but to give as good a display of the game as possible.

Victory is not the sole aim of the game. What is necessary is that the team should play well and hard, taking good luck and bad with equanimity. If victory comes, so much the better.

And a captain can do much towards preserving or encouraging the spirit of playing together.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Macao Soccer Comment

Sir,—In your sports section of Saturday's issue, a sport commentator writing under the veiled name of "Scrambler" on the annual Hongkong-Macao Interport Football meet very politely, but not justly, classed the standard of football as played in Macao to be below that of Hongkong, and predicted a certain victory for the home team.

The writer whose experience and knowledge of the strength of Macao's Interport composition very naturally considered the statement to be too premature, but preferred to wait for the eventual result before taking up his pen in defence of same.

As the result of the match is now well known, and the formidable Hongkong Interport team was beaten by Macao, whose standard of play as the sport critic puts it, is below that of Hongkong, I should like to advise Mr "SCRAMBLER" to take an object lesson of this Interport, and in future refrain from advancing unsavoury comparisons which may tend to under-rate the reputation of a friendly neighbourly team, as such was clearly the case.

MACAO SPORTSMAN.

SPORTS ADVT.

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Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including taxi) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21820).

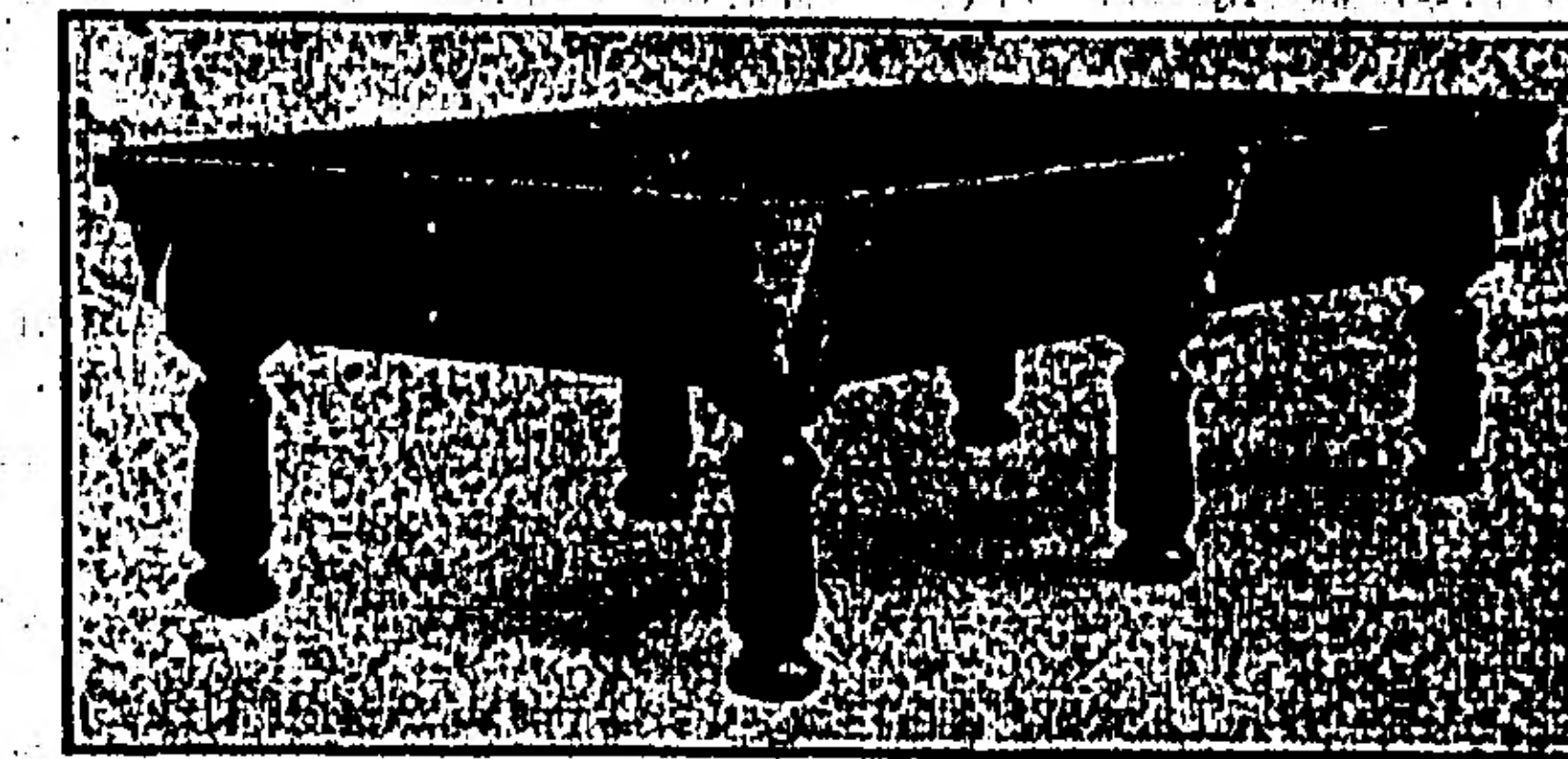
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SEVERE GERMAN LOSSES

Fighting Forces Compared

ANKARA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—German losses in Greece are extremely heavy, according to reports reaching here. Travellers from Bulgaria state that German troops in Sofia can hardly believe their eyes when they see the masses of wounded arriving.

The wildest estimates of German losses are current in Sofia, one putting the German killed at 60,000 and wounded at 250,000. These are hardly credible but they do serve to indicate that casualties have been severe beyond all German anticipation.

Nothing is known here about the reported German occupation of Lemnos and Samothrace but well-informed circles consider it likely that the Nazis will attempt to capture all Greek islands which, in conjunction with the Dodecanese, afford useful jumping-off bases for air-attack.

Turks Cool

Although the war is now approaching Turkey's southeast as well as the land frontiers, the Turkish public remains cool and its spirit is summed up in the words of one leader of public opinion, who said to-day: "If attacked, we will fight to the last man; we have taken all precautions; let the aggressor remember that he will not take us by surprise."

Comparison of Forces

(BY "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)
LONDON, Apr. 23.—It was obvious that the British force in Greece was of limited strength when no attempt was made to hold the passes covering Salonika.
It is reckoned that the Germans used 26 divisions as well as four fully motorised divisions while the Italians had almost as many in Albania. The total Greek forces were much smaller.

Doomed Battalion Stabbing Affray

SHANGHAI, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Colonel Hsieh Ching-yuan, Commander of the "Doomed Battalion," was stabbed to death in the internment camp in the International Settlement this morning by two interned members of the Battalion, who also seriously wounded the Second-in-Command.

The assailants were overpowered and handed over to the Police by other internees.
They excused the stabbing on the ground of the "bad conduct" of the two officers.

One of the most important features of the work of the Medical Department in 1939 was the devising of a medical defence scheme for the Colony, a general idea of which is given by the Director of Medical Services in his report for that year, tabled in Legislative Council to-day.

The scheme is designed to bring into being at the shortest possible notice arrangements for the collection, transport and treatment of casualties from high explosive, incendiary or gas bombs if the Colony became involved in hostilities.

To this end, plans were drawn up for the conversion of hospitals into casualty clearing hospitals and for utilising various large buildings as relief hospitals and schools and similar institutions as first aid posts.

The recruiting and training of personnel for the various tasks, and the provision of reserve stores of ambulances, stretchers, instruments, drugs, dressings, oxygen, and other things went hand in hand with the arrangements.

Colony's Fitness

Under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, some 1,225 British subjects were medically examined during the year. They were divided into two age groups, 18 to 41 and 42 to 55.

The following particulars are given in the report:—
Class A (found fit for general service) 765, or 62.45 per cent.

Class B (fit for duties on lines of communication, including guards) 182 or 14.86 per cent.

Class C (fit for sedentary duty only) 247 or 20.16 per cent.

Class D (unfit for service) 31 or 2.53 per cent.

Refugees

The state of public health in the Colony during 1939 was conditioned principally by the refugee factor, states the report. The extension of the Sino-Japanese hostilities to South China, leading up to the capture of Canton in November of that year, saw a great increase in the number of refugees who sought shelter in Hong-kong.

The maximum number of persons cared for by the medical Department

in the various refugee camps at any one time during 1939 was 12,297.

Refugees were divided into roughly three main classes. There was a relatively small group with financial backing who had transferred their commercial interests to the Colony. A larger group consisted of artisans, small merchants and others who had managed to save their tools, some of their stock in trade and a portion of their savings and were able to maintain themselves for a time and later, when they failed to make good, had to fall back on relief.

The third and by far the largest group were those with little if any savings, which rapidly exhausted. They became destitute and slept in the streets until they were collected and taken to the Government camps.

Malnutrition

The flooding of the urban market by refugees, and the heavy demand on accommodation with the consequent high rentals for shelter, resulted in considerable reduction in the proportion of wages available for purchase of food. Combined with ignorance of the right quality or quantity of food to be consumed, this gave rise to a serious incidence of malnutrition amongst the poorer sections of the population.

Just as in the case of refugees, Government furnished shelter for many thousands, so in the case of the hungry it also provided for several hundred thousand meals at camps and welfare centres. Assistance in this matter was given by certain voluntary organisations.

Mention is made in the report of the work of the Nutrition Research Committee and of experiments conducted by the Government, at the various camps.

Tuberculosis

The report lays stress on the serious incidence of tuberculosis, which constituted a major killing disease in 1939 and was responsible for 4,443 deaths, or 9.2 per centum of all deaths registered.

Active measures were taken during the year to combat the disease. Compulsory notification was introduced in January 1939, and up to the end of that year some 7,591 cases had been reported.

Pasteurisation of milk became compulsory during the year, and bacteriological standards for pasteurised milk were introduced in December. Climatic, social and economic conditions all tend towards fostering this disease, and the combination works only too well, states the Director of Medical Services.

Difficult Problem

The task of controlling and eradicating tuberculosis presents a most difficult problem, but is one which can be tackled successfully if approached in a spirit of patience and hopefulness combined with energy and tenacity.

The present overcrowding resulting from the influx of refugees seriously aggravates the situation, and a major and essential step in the control of tuberculosis would be effected by the restoration of peaceful conditions in the Far East and the re-

turn of refugees to their homes in China.

Mention is made of the "tragic need of sanatoria for 'open' cases." The total expenditure of the Department in 1939 amounted to \$2,480,598.01, the revenue being \$400,054.72. There was an increase of expenditure over 1938 of \$79,250.89.

Social Hygiene

An important report on social hygiene was drawn up in 1939 by a committee, which recommended additional clinical facilities for the treatment of prostitutes. It was hoped to develop these by an expansion of the staff engaged in social hygiene work, by the opening of new centres and by domiciliary visits by trained health visitors.

The numbers of births in 1939 were 45,025. The crude uncorrected birth rate was 44.4 per thousand of the population.

There were 48,317 deaths during the year. The death rate was 48 per thousand of the population. The cumulative effect of malnutrition, bad housing and overcrowding, and insanitary environment was seen in the heavy loss of life in infants, 345 per thousand living births dying before attaining one year of age.

Leprosy Settlement

Government purchased during 1939, for the sum of \$50,000 from the Tung Wah Hospital directors, a building for use as a leprosy settlement. The Almoner's Division of the Medical Department was inaugurated during the year, and a start was made on a costing system for the Government hospitals in order to ascertain the approximate cost of each in-patient and to check waste. New radium amounting to 52.5 milligrammes were purchased in "cells" during the year and were brought into use at the Queen Mary Hospital. The radium has been used almost entirely for cancer of the uterus and for supplementary irradiation of surface cancer.

British Offensive In Libya

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Apr. 23 (UP).—Well informed quarters to-day claimed that the offensive in Libya has passed into British hands.

At Addis Ababa, preparations are proceeding for the return of the Negus.

Claiming that the Empire line in Greece is still unbroken, it is believed that enemy pressure is not as heavy as previously reported, but it is emphasised that hard fighting is going on.

Stolen Shanghai Dog Found In H.K., Returned To Owner

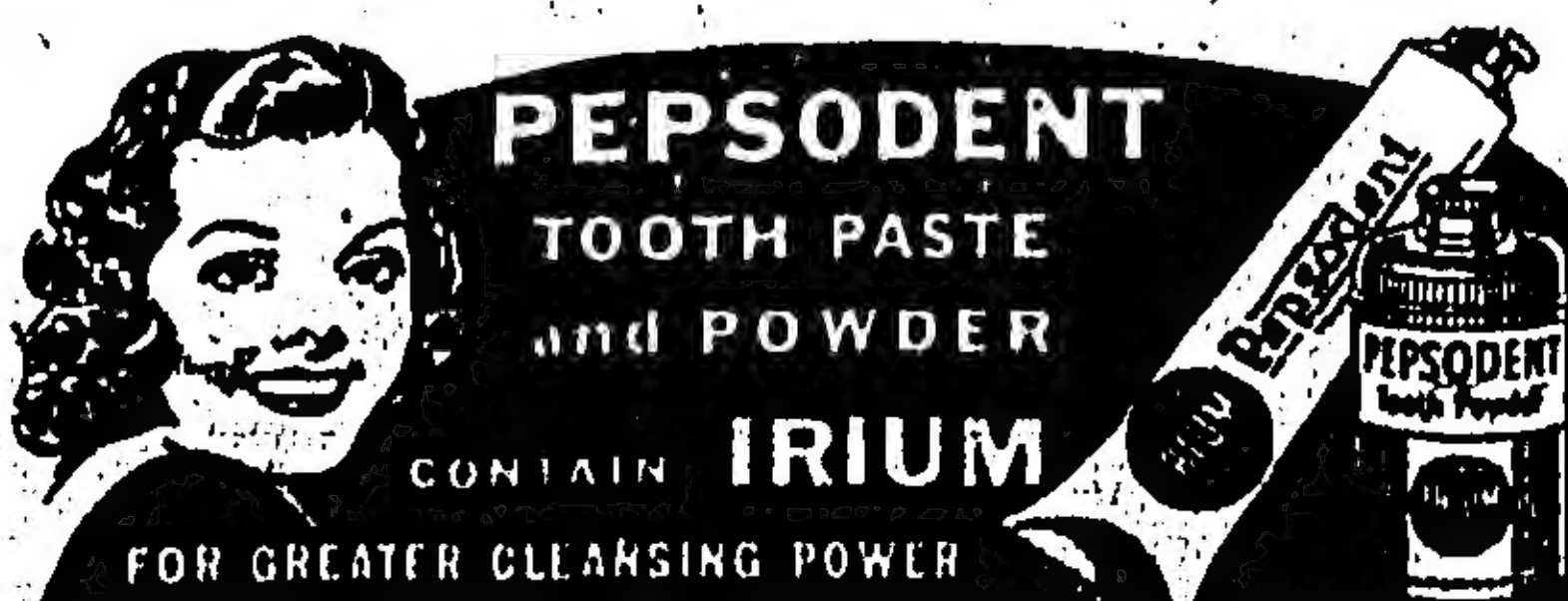
The smart work of officials of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals resulted recently in the rescue of a Scotch collie which had been stolen in Shanghai and brought to the Colony.

The dog has since been restored to its owner in Shanghai. The collie, named "Rex," was reported by the Shanghai Society of the S.P.C.A. to have been stolen in Shanghai and brought to Hongkong.

Local officials went to work and found the dog and had it returned by ship.

The Secretary of the Shanghai

S.P.C.A. has written stating that on Easter Sunday the owner of "Rex," Mrs. B. Ferrajolo, accompanied by officials, took delivery of the dog. When the ship was going alongside the Roosevelt Terminal in Shanghai, Mrs. Ferrajolo heard "Rex" bark and recognised the dog. "Rex" recognised his mistress as soon as he spotted her and there was a happy reunion of dog and mistress.



English Gaol Warders Deplore Conditions

ALTHOUGH Mr Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, recently denied statements about inadequate control of prisoners, the Prison Officers' Association has decided to send to members of Parliament a list of allegations about prison "unrest."

The association alleges that shortage of staff, combined with other factors, has made the maintenance of discipline "almost impossible among convicts and prisoners."

In a report on different jails, the association contends that at Parkhurst, where "a recent change in immediate control seems to be having some beneficial effect," prisoners are unlocked when an alert is sounded, and not more than fourteen officers are left in charge of 400 convicts.

Convicts Impertinent

"During the unlocking of prisoners from their cells, conditions are almost intolerable... Missiles are thrown out of the cells and through the darkness during alerts, catcalls and booms are heard. The officers complain that the general demeanour of the convicts is impertinent." The report also alleges that at Feltham, a young named prisoner in substitution, gangs were formed, and the Prison Commissioners were warned that unless something was done to stop the rot there might be a wide-scale attempt to break away from prison.

"Nothing material occurred," alleges the association's statement. "As a result, seventeen prisoners succeeded in getting away from Feltham last week." Later a commissioner was sent down to investigate.

Cupid Finds Spy Clues

German women in Britain, trying to dodge internment and the restrictions on aliens, are asking marriage bureaux to find them British-born husbands.

The "Marriage Mart" do not arrange the weddings—but they send all particulars of the applicants to Scotland Yard.

"We get an average of 10 a week, mostly from Austrian women," Miss Mary Oliver, the joint manager of a West-End Bureau told a reporter.

"We invite full personal histories from each woman—and send the forms to the police. Some of the applicants may be spies—and we are taking no risks."

Civilians Teach Cycle Tricks

One hundred and twenty-five Army and Tank Corps motor cyclists who took part in a reliability trial held in the Midlands recently were told that the object was "not to look pretty when riding, but to get there."

The hazards included a muddy lane, a water splash, a steep, foot-path over tree roots, rough grass and rocks.

Civilian experts waited at each hazard and riders who failed were shown how to take the hazard properly.

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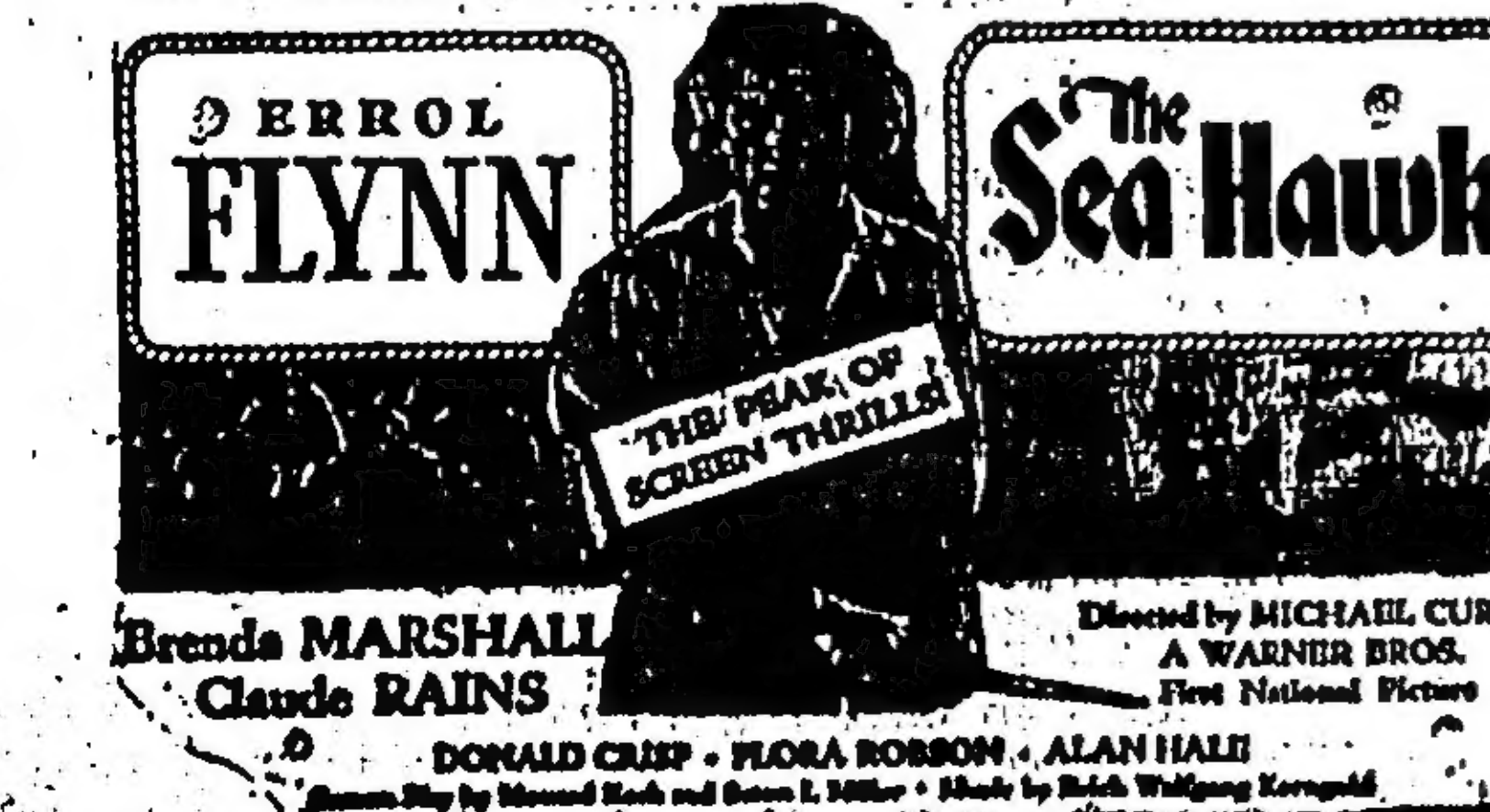
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Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Apr. 23 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communique states that British fighter planes, although greatly outnumbered, shot down four enemy planes and damaged others over Tobruk last Tuesday. It is also confirmed that four unidentified enemy planes were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire in a raid over Tobruk last Saturday. R.A.F. planes on Tuesday also machine-gunned enemy infantry, resulting in heavy casualties.

Greek Government To Fight From Crete

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aid and fought so brilliantly, as they are still fighting, on Greek soil for a just cause.

"Though exhausted after six months of victorious and hard fighting against a much stronger enemy, our troops, who have written the most glorious pages of our military history, continued the struggle against the German offensive with unheard-of heroism."

Army of The Epirus
"We still do not know the real reasons why the Army of the Epirus signed an armistice with the enemy without our knowledge and without the cognisance of the C.-I.-C. and the Government. This signature in no way binds the free will of the nation, the King and the Government, which is manifested in the continuation of the struggle with all the forces remaining to us to safeguard our national interests."

"With this aim in view, we are compelled to go to Crete. We are leaving in order to be able freely, from free Greek territory, to continue the struggle against the invaders until final victory is achieved that shall repay us fully for the nation's great sacrifices."

The King's proclamation concludes by urging the Greeks not to lose heart, remain faithful to the idea of one country, united, indivisible and free.

"Have courage and better days will return. Long live the nation."

Premier's Message
ATHENS, Apr. 23 (Reuters).—"Hold Fast" is the keynote of a message addressed by the Greek Prime Minister, Dr. Emmanuel Tsouderos, to the Greek nation.

The message adds: "We shall emerge victors, glorified and bigger men. The military armistice signed with the Germans without any authorisation is a precipitate act which may be put down to fatigue and justified by six months of unequal but victorious struggle, and now the result of overwhelming pressure."

Dr. Tsouderos's message says: "In this tragic but great moment, when I am leaving for Crete with our heroic King—a worthy symbol of the great struggle that the nation is pursuing—I am truly proud of this political and national move which illustrates in the fullest manner possible the unconquerable soul of Greece and proclaims the firm determination of us all not to give in to the invader."

Base Aggression
"We are defending ourselves against an unjust aggression of unprecedented baseness. To save the cowardly partner that we had vanquished, an empire of 100,000,000 souls struck us in the back."

Dr. Tsouderos prophesies that Greece will emerge victorious, a glorified and greater nation from these trials. "Moreover, the moral strength of our country never in the past reached the heights attained to-day."

Will Rise Again
NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (UP).—Athens Radio was heard broadcasting: "This war will finally be won," and cited the Greek press statements that Greece will rise again and none must lose courage. The station promised to be on the air again to-morrow.

Lull In Nazi Drive

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the Olympus defences on the extreme German left flank, driven across the plain of Thessaly and reached Lamia yesterday.

The High Command said that the unconditional surrender of the Greek Epirus and Macedonian armies was concluded at Salonika. Local capitulations of sections of these Greek armies has been going on since April 20. All the Greek northern armies directed an armistice request to the commander of the Italian 11th army.

Lemnos Said Occupied
ISTANBUL, Apr. 23 (UP).—It was officially announced by Radio Ankara at 9 p.m. that the Germans had occupied Lemnos but the report has not yet been confirmed.

German Losses
ISTANBUL, Apr. 23 (UP).—Diplomatic quarters to-day claimed that 70,000 German troops have been killed and 200,000 wounded so far in the Greek campaigns. Neutral diplomats, arriving from Rumania, state that Bucharest is overflowing with German wounded soldiers.

Long Audience
LONDON, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill had a long audience with King George at Buckingham Palace to-day. It is understood they reviewed the war situation, especially in the Balkans.

Nearing Athens
ROME, Apr. 23 (Reuters).—German troops advancing south of Lamia are reported to be 50 miles from Athens according to a Sofia telegram to the "Giornale d'Italia."

The "Sofia" agency states that firing ceased to-night on the Epirus and Macedonian fronts in accordance with the terms of the armistice.

One-Third Of Greeks Surrender

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from Salonika states that information made available to the foreign press revealed that the formal signing of the armistice by representatives of the German and Italian High Commands occurred in Salonika at 2.45 p.m. after the commander of the Greek Epirus and Macedonian armies had unconditionally laid down their arms.

The signatories were General Jodi for Germany, Lieutenant-General Ferrero for Italy, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Epirus and Macedonian armies, General Tsolakoglu for Greece.

The signing occurred at a villa in the mountains above Salonika which served as headquarters for Field Marshal General List where, on April 23, the final conversation was held after preparatory discussions on April 22 at Larissa and Janina. Only a few staff officers attended the signing.

Widespread Raids
NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (UP).—Athens radio to-night broadcast Ministry of Public Security communique which said: "German aircraft in repeated waves raided Piraeus, Salamis, Attica and Megara. Bombs were dropped and caused damage to ships and other port installations. There were a number of casualties among the civilian populations."

One German plane fell on an Aegean Island and three members of the crew were arrested.

Bombs were also dropped on a district of Corinth without casualties or damage.

A German air squadron bombed Thessalonika and three of the raiders were shot down by anti-aircraft guns.

A German formation bombed the island of Nios with slight damage."

British Building Up Huge Reserves

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capacities have turned out to be nothing at all because our plants had been out of the bombed area altogether.

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GREECE-BULGARIA
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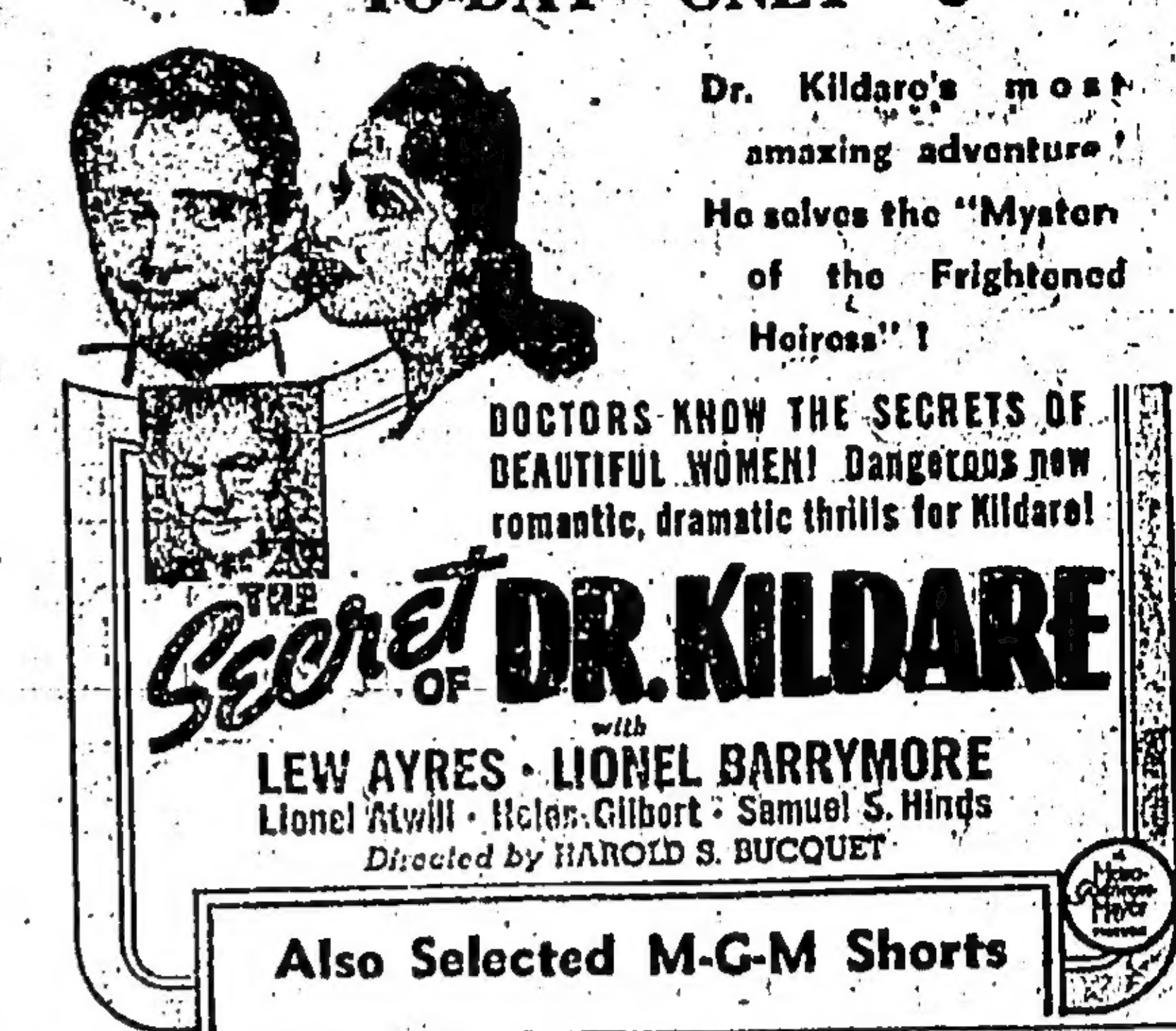
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